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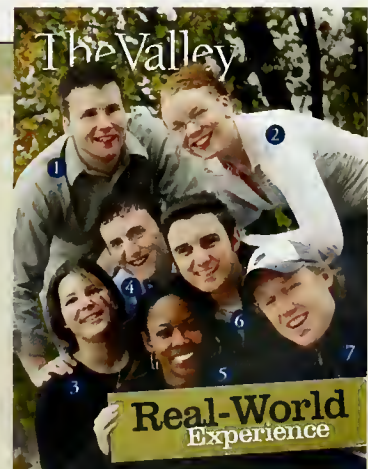
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# Real-World Experience

By Ed Novak

**A**s she walked into the East Dining Room at Lebanon Valley College last semester, **Elyse Turr '06** could not believe what she was seeing. Another student was carrying a copy of Tariz

Ramadan's *Western Muslims and the Future of Islam*—and on the back cover was the promotional “blurb” Turr had written that summer as an intern for Oxford University Press.

“I practically jumped down her throat with questions as to why she had the book,” recalls Turr, who is an English major with a concentration in communications from Stockholm, N.J. It turned out that the book was assigned reading for **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins’** world religion class at LVC. The on-campus encounter with her book blurb reminded Turr that “in book stores around the world, people are browsing for books, and when they turn over Ramadan’s book to read the back cover, they will be reading what I wrote.”

Turr had been assigned to write the back cover copy for the book during her very first week as an intern in the New York City offices of the venerable Oxford University Press (OUP), which has been in business since the 16th century. The opportunity to work for the publishing company was facilitated by **Brian Hughes '97**, an associate marketing manager in OUP’s academic division.

Turr is just one of an increasing number of LVC students who enrich their academic studies by learning on the job. Some complete internships for academic credit through the College, and some arrange them privately during summers and on breaks. “Most students enjoy the practical dimension of their education—of being able to put to work the knowledge they gain in the classroom,” says **Sharon Givler**, LVC’s director of career services.

Givler describes the internship experience for LVC students as a kind of transformation. “‘I don’t have anything to offer’ becomes ‘this is what I have to offer,’” she says. “It is a rubber-meets-the-road experience that also shows the students what it takes to be successful in



*Accounting and business administration major Deborah Tookes '07 (left) was a summer intern at the Philadelphia office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the world's largest accounting firms. English major Gina Trosa '06 (right) received hands-on television production experience as a summer intern at the MTV offices in Manhattan.*



# “I learned the ins and outs of television and music production.”



the world of work and how organizations work. They can also get good references, and maybe, a job offer.”

The prestigious Oxford University Press is likely to offer a job to Turr. “We have to have her on board full time once she graduates,” says Sofia Kriarakis of the publishing company’s human resource department, who was in charge of the OUP internship program last summer. “Elyse was what I call my ‘super intern.’ Her enthusiasm and eagerness to learn as much as possible while she was here were outstanding.”

Turr was equally impressed with OUP. “I went into this internship having a very

vague idea of what I wanted to do after college. After interning at Oxford, I have a good idea of where I want to be and what I want to be doing. I didn’t expect the level of responsibility or opportunity that they gave me,” she says. “I didn’t expect to write copy as early on as I did or to be speaking directly with authors. I didn’t expect the access I was given to departmental meetings and company-wide meetings. I didn’t expect staff to be as helpful, supportive, and fun as they were.”

The only downside to her experience, she jokes, is that the “Oxford coffee” was terrible.

**Deborah Tookes ’07** is an accounting and business administration major from Philadelphia who has a lot of dreams: working as an auditor for a major accounting firm, going to graduate school at Temple University, teaching, and owning her own restaurant. She is the kind of student who, without an appointment, can march into the office of one of LVC’s top administrators and walk out with a friend and mentor on her side—which is just what she did with **Deborah Reimer Fullam ’81**, the College’s chief financial officer. “She is very supportive, and we can talk about anything,” Tookes reports. “And we joke about having the same first name, too.”

During her freshman year, Tookes met with the father of a friend, an accountant, who told her about INROADS, an organization for minority students interested in business internships. She attended INROADS’ weekend workshops on résumé writing and business etiquette training, but no company called her that first year. She was not discouraged—“There is a time for everything,” she says—and tried again in her sophomore year. She was more prepared this time, and she was called to work in the Philadelphia office of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC), one of the world’s largest accounting firms.

“I didn’t go into the internship with expectations,” she says. “I kept an open mind and was willing to take advantage of any opportunity.” She was assigned the responsibility of keeping the internal filing system organized, and she joined the PWC Leadership Program. If she is invited back to PWC next summer, as a rising senior, she expects to be given more responsibilities, including meeting with PWC clients.

Tookes views her internship in a very positive light. “The real world is not just the scenarios in your textbook,” she says. “The internship gives you experience, makes you more marketable as a professional, and creates a better individual.”



*During her internship at Oxford University Press, Elyse Turr ’06 had the opportunity to write copy, speak with authors, and participate in department meetings. Now, she has accepted a job there.*





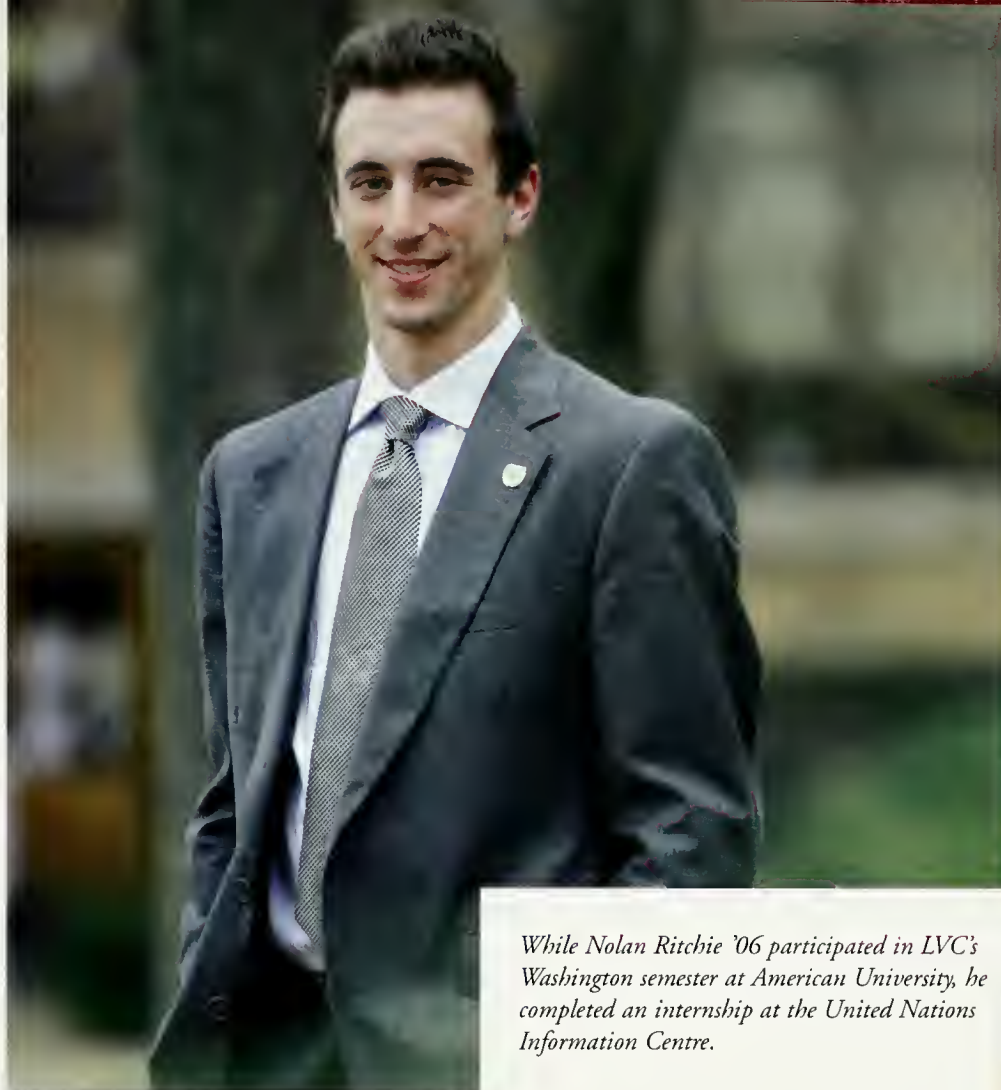
Senior **Gino Trosa** is an English major who came to LVC from Scranton, but he was born in Queens, N.Y., where he spent the first 10 years of his life, and he still thinks of it as home. He is interested in writing, working in television, pursuing graduate school, and possibly, “teaching at a small liberal arts school like LVC.” When he was thinking about getting some hands-on experience, a friend from New York helped him “grab an internship” at the Music Television (MTV) offices in Times Square.

There was a lot of physical labor involved, carrying tapes and equipment to studios throughout Manhattan, but, he says, “I learned the ins and outs of television and music production. It was helpful to learn how TV ‘magic’ works. I learned the intricacies of television and DVD creation, and experienced everything from packaging and shipping to editing and licensing. The internship allowed me to see DVD development from the first step through fruition. I now have the experience to be helpful in the production process.”

He reports that the work environment was “laid-back, which helped me feel comfortable during the first anxious days of my working there.” What about the glamour of the job? “You get to meet a lot of celebrities, but it is mostly in passing,” Trosa says. “You can step into an elevator and be standing next to people from *MTV News* or *Hogan Knows Best*—you just never know. I saw a lot of stars. It became second nature not to react.”



**Nolan Ritchie '06** hails from Bethel in Berks County. “My homestead is located in the mountains with a view of the Appalachians,” he reports. He is the first member of his family to attend college, is active in campus politics, and is studying political science and Spanish.



*While Nolan Ritchie '06 participated in LVC's Washington semester at American University, he completed an internship at the United Nations Information Centre.*

In the fall of 2004, he participated in an LVC program that sent him to Washington, D.C., to spend a semester at American University. The program required him to find an internship; he acquired a position with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC). The experience was a political junkie's dream come true.

“My main responsibility was to attend news briefings, conferences, Congressional hearings, and galas related to the work of the United Nations,” he explains. He visited, among other places, the State Department, the French Embassy, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the National Press Building.

Ritchie met former secretaries of state Henry Kissinger and Madeleine Albright, ambassadors John Danforth and Bruce Laingen, Sen. Richard Lugar, and various State Department officials.

As a result of the internship, Ritchie reports, he decided to focus his future on the role of the United Nations—to reduce war and arms, uphold human rights, and work with the people of developing nations. He believes even more strongly now in a society built on a solid foundation of peace and security.

Ritchie has recommended his internship experience to friends and told them, “If you have had an internship already, you need to get another one.” In addition to his UNIC work, Ritchie has interned with Pa. State Rep. Sheila Miller and U.S. Rep. Tim Holden.



Senior **Jeff Cain**'s parents are Salvation Army pastors, which explains why he grew up mostly in Philadelphia, graduated from high school in New



*The students pictured above are just a few who have participated in internships during the summer or academic year. (from left to right) Amy Zubek '06, an English and digital communications major, was an editorial intern at the Times News in Lehighton. Business administration and accounting major Alex Reber '06 spent a summer as an intern at Weik Investment Services, Inc., in Wyomissing. Elmira Sellu '06, a business administration major, served as a promotions intern at Hersheypark for Hershey Entertainment and Resorts Co. For information on Gino Trosa's internship, see page 5. English and digital communications major Jill Kidulic '07 worked for the summer as an education intern at WLVT-TV, a PBS affiliate in Bethlehem. Accounting major Max Linn '06 was an auditing and accounting intern for Beard Miller Company, LLP, in its Harrisburg office. Digital communications major Phil Serio '06 was an information technology administrator intern at KTHL, an international law firm in Lebanon.*

Jersey, and currently lives in Columbus, Ohio. He has always been interested in music, and considered attending a technical school, but he chose to study music recording technology (MRT) at LVC because he wanted to "enhance and define my skills in music and recording, but also to explore other areas of educational interest."

Cain began the search for an internship during his junior year, when he sent his résumé to about 30 recording studios. "I received several replies, including some from Nashville. I set up a day's worth of interviews with the folks in Nashville and flew down last April." At one studio, an engineer/producer friend of the interviewer mentioned that he needed some help in his daily work. The engineer, Danny Duncan, agreed to take on Cain for the summer. Duncan has worked with musicians such as Bruce Springsteen and Michael McDonald.

"Right from the beginning, he forced me to rely on everything I had learned about recording in my classes as well as to employ organizational and management

skills," Cain reports. "He showed a great deal of confidence in my abilities after having met me only once, and he let me run with the things he knew I was capable of doing."

During the course of the summer, Cain met and worked with many artists, engineers, and producers. He even got to sing backup for some of the recording sessions. And, as he faces his own choices after he graduates in May, he has something going for him. "The internship with Danny gave me the personal confidence to know that I can tackle any sort of project that comes my way in the future."

Cain is one of four LVC music recording technology students who have completed internships recently in Nashville.



Working with their academic advisors, students are keenly aware of the possibilities that internships can offer, but they must work hard and be creative in finding the right opportunities.

Sharon Givler tells a story about a student who came into the Career

Services Office who was unsure about how she could land an event planning internship in Lancaster. "She was an athlete," Givler remembers, "and her family lived near the new baseball stadium that was being built for the Lancaster Barnstormers. I asked her about the team. She paused and I could almost see the light bulb go off over her head. Her father knew someone with the team. She got the internship and was quite successful."

"The mistake a lot of college students make," says Givler, "is that they tend to define themselves solely on the basis of major, especially those in the liberal arts. Students with majors that don't lead to a clearly defined job title tend to feel unqualified for the world of work. They need to know what employers seek in candidates and learn about their own skills and strengths." Givler has three final words of advice for students: "Network. Network. Network."

**Ed Novak is a writer based in Harrisburg. He currently works for the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts as executive director of KiteFest.**



# LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE NEIDIG-GARBER SCIENCE CENTER

It's time. LVC is about to begin the massive renovation of Garber Science Center and create up-to-date teaching and research facilities for the students and faculty. We are asking for your help, and invite you to be part of the creation of the Neidig-Garber Science Center.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000,000 toward the cost of the project. We have over \$8.7 million in pledges to date. If you have been wondering when you would be asked to join the effort, or how your gift could have a meaningful impact, now is the time when you can really make a difference.

There's an added incentive. Through the Arnold Challenge, all gifts of \$1,000 or more for the Neidig-Garber project will be matched \$1 for every \$2 you pledge. In addition, by making a gift now, you can leave your mark on the Neidig-Garber Science Center and show today's students and faculty that you support LVC science. You can even honor or remember a family member, classmate, or faculty member who made a difference to you.

The new Neidig-Garber Science Center will have a striking, four-story, interior atrium, providing a flood of light throughout the building. It is here that those who join in this campaign will be recognized. Donors who pledge \$2,000 for each of the next three years will have their names inscribed on decorative glass panels, which will line the balconies of the atrium. Donors who increase their three-year commitment to \$2,500 annually may designate their inscription in honor of a beloved professor or in memory of a loved one.

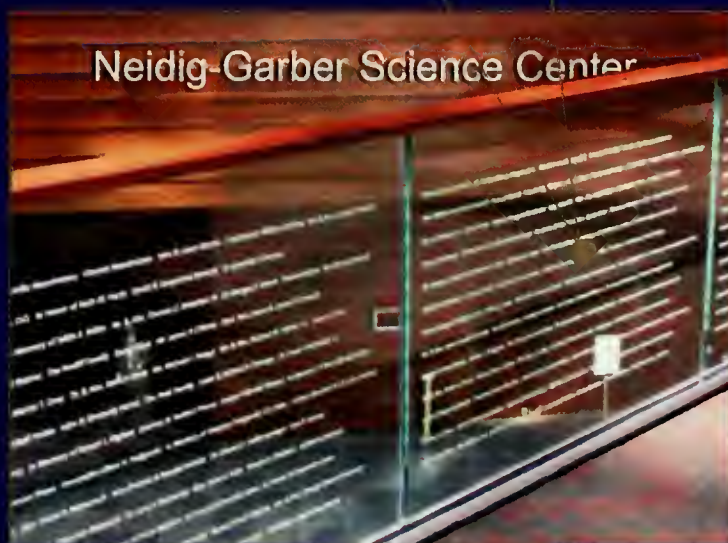
This display will be located within the main entrance of the new Neidig-Garber Science Center. It will serve as a permanent record of the alumni, parents, and friends who stepped forward to support our students and to continue a long tradition of excellence in science at Lebanon Valley College.

For more information about this exciting project, please visit [www.lvc.edu/science](http://www.lvc.edu/science).

Joseph N. Jones '56  
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Kathleen R. Spang '83  
James C. Thomas '96  
Anna T. Wright '72

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in honor of William D. Winger  
Dr. Andrew Bender

David M. Smith '67  
in memory of  
Dr. S.O. Grimm



*An artist's rendering of the interior atrium*

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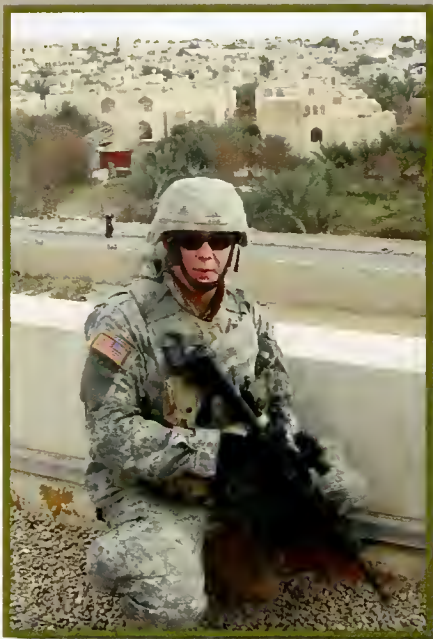


	Gifts to Date	Campaign Goal
Capital Construction	\$20,509,322	\$21,925,000
Endowment	\$17,002,731	\$14,400,000
Current Operations	\$11,407,419	\$12,000,000
*Total Campaign Contributions	\$50,818,602	\$50,000,000

\* including gifts to all purposes



# SERVING THEIR



In 1943, a large contingent of LVC students was called up for war. The students and well wishers gathered at the Annville train station awaiting departures. (Inset) U.S. Army Sgt. Kevin Wood '03 is assigned to a cavalry squadron located at a desert post in Iraq doing reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition.



# COUNTRY

BY LORI MYERS

**LVC alumni have served in every major war** and every branch of the military during the last century. Some rose to the distinguished rank of general; others saw action in Vietnam; some now serve in Iraq. The places of training or battle may change, but what has stayed the same are the fears, challenges, and rewards these graduates have experienced. Here are the stories some of our graduates would like to share about their chosen career paths.

**Maj. Gen. Ross Plasterer '57**

—U.S. MARINE CORPS

It wasn't too long after his LVC graduation in 1957 that **Maj. Gen. Ross Plasterer** decided to take the advice of his brother-in-law, who told him that if he was going to go into the military, he might as well start off as an officer. The rigors of playing college football and baseball helped him with the physical and mental demands of 12 weeks of Officer's Candidate School training in Quantico, Va. He became a helicopter pilot who later used his flying talents

during two tours in Vietnam.

"The reward was you were able to get the wounded to the hospital," he says.

"I was also the helicopter pilot for President Lyndon Johnson, and I did get to fly former President Dwight Eisenhower. He was a great person—a very appreciative guy."

Although it has been almost 50 years since Plasterer graduated from LVC, the passing decades haven't stopped this Marine Corps retiree from staying in touch with his LVC comrades.

"I made a lot of good friendships while going to LVC," says Plasterer, who now

lives in Norfolk, Va. "We get together at least one or two times a year to play golf. The quarterback on our team was **Lou Sorrentino '54**, and I'm still in contact with him as well as with **William Kiick '57**, **Frank Catanzaro '57**, and **Frank McCulloch '57**."

Plasterer also feels rewarded by the fact that the ROTC Sword at LVC is named after him.

"It was an honor to have my name on it. I am proud of what I have done, of being from Lebanon and graduating from LVC." He served for 34 years, retiring in December of 1991.



## Col. John J. Harvey '77

—U.S. MARINE CORPS

Col. John J. Harvey recalls that when his junior year at LVC was coming to an end, his father, sensing his son's lack of focus, gently suggested that he try military service. Armed with a degree in political science, Harvey decided to give it a try. That "try" spanned 28 years of active duty, during which his responsibilities included aviation operations, logistics, aircraft maintenance, and safety department head duties. He also had a three-

year tour as a helicopter flight instructor in the Naval Air Training Command. But his biggest honor as a Marine officer was being a leader.

"Leading Marines is generally why young men and women remain in the Marine Corps," he says. "The association over the years with so many fine marines is its own reward."

Harvey observed many changes during his years of active duty, particularly in the area of technology.

His solid liberal arts education at LVC prepared him for his military stint. He recalls with affection good times in Funkhouser Hall; his favorite professors, **Dr. John Norton, Dr.**

**Donald Byrne Jr., and Richard Joyce;** and intramural sports.

"I was coaching and playing on the 'residents' intramural basketball team for two years," he remarks, "and playing a variety of other intramural sports in which we routinely kicked fraternity 'rear-end.'"

Harvey is now employed by CJ Systems Aviation Group. He flies an Augusta 109E helicopter for the Emergency Medical Service of the University of Pennsylvania Shock Trauma Air Rescue Flight Department. They serve the University of Pennsylvania Hospital System and Reading Hospital Trauma Center.



*Ensign Jonathan Phillips '97 is currently attached to the U.S. Navy's West Coast SEAL team.*





(Left) This collage of photos from the 1919 Quittapahilla featured LVC students serving in various branches of the military during World War I.

(Below) Captain Michael Sarro '02, who is currently serving a one-year tour in Iraq, is pictured here in Kuwait.

(Bottom) Members of the LVC and Annville communities gathered in 1943 to bid farewell to new recruits leaving for the war.



## Ensign Jonathan Phillips '97 —U.S. NAVY SEAL

Ensign Jonathan Phillips is now another link in his family's military lineage. His grandfather, father, and younger brother have all served. For Phillips, the interest was always there and always around him. But he began taking a serious look at making the military his future career while a senior at LVC.

"Professors [Dr. Jeanne] Hey and [Dr. Paul] Heise were encouraging with regard to the military in general," recalls Phillips. "They told me that the military is a good job with many opportunities."

Phillips has found their advice to be true. He is currently an ensign attached to the West Coast SEAL team and has traveled to the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Guinea. He considers himself lucky to have traveled the world and to have had opportunities that no other career or job would have given him.

"The initial training and selection were more difficult than I could have imagined," Phillips says. "One of the rewards is working with outstanding people."

Phillips is quick to advise anyone considering military service to take a long hard look at doing just that.

"Research what you want to do," he says. "Talk to people who are doing that job. Books, magazines, and television do not tell the story."



## Capt. Michael Sarro '02

—U.S. ARMY

The opportunity to play ice hockey was the magnet that first brought **Capt. Michael Sarro** to LVC. He remembers being impressed with the campus as Head Coach **Allen MacCormack** showed him around, and he loved the fact that HersheyPark Arena would be the team's home rink.

"Coach MacCormack worked us very hard on and off the ice," Sarro recalls. "Dry land training every year was really tough, and then when we hit the ice, it became even worse. But it all paid off."

Choosing the military was a natural progression for Sarro. Growing up in a family of hockey fanatics in Brooklyn, N.Y., Sarro was also a Civil War and World War I re-enactor who joined ROTC at LVC.

"I think military service is the highest form of duty you can perform for your country," he says. "I take a lot of pride in serving in the Army. I have been in for about four years and have been to a lot of places, like South Korea and Iraq, and have met a ton of people from all over. It's a great experience."

Sarro was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in 2002 and then went to Korea, where he served as a platoon leader and executive officer. He graduated from Basic Airborne School in March 2004 and was promoted to captain in September 2005. He has been stationed at Fort Bragg since April 2004 and is currently in Iraq for a one-year tour.

"Being in Iraq is definitely a different experience," says Sarro. "This is a war zone. Soldiers are putting their lives on the line out there on the roads and on patrols, trying to weed out the insurgency in Iraq. I am able to see firsthand the progress we are making in this country. I would like to do more with the Iraqis and help to be a part of their resurgence as a country."

**Maj. Michelle Brailsford Ambrose** has found her dream job working for the Air Force. Tired of life as a poor and starving graduate student, she applied for an American Psychological Association approved internship program with the U.S. Air Force. After completing her doctorate in clinical psychology courtesy of the Air Force, she owed the military three years of service.

"My original plan was to do the three years and then move on," Ambrose recalls. "But I quickly came to love my experience in the military and am now entering my eighth year of service. The Air Force is a wonderful job."

Ambrose's duties include not only traditional tasks such as psychological testing, and individual, marital, and group therapy, but she also acts as a consultant to commanders—providing specialty evaluations and consultations on issues that impact the flying/combat commands and intelligence world. In addition, she consults for crisis situations and is a certified trainer in a number of programs including Applied Suicide

Intervention Skills Training, Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, and Critical Incident Stress Management. Her job has given her the opportunity to travel the world, including trips to Japan, Australia, Germany, and Portugal. She is presently with the 70th Intelligence Wing at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

"Sometimes I have to make hard calls, such as deciding that someone might not be suitable to stay in the military or might not be best suited for a particular job," Ambrose says. "I am on call 24/7, and at a moment's notice could be told that I will be going away for a few days or a few months."

One college event may very well have been a sign of things to come—Ambrose had to wear army combat fatigues and combat boots while pledging one of LVC's sororities.

"Funny that I now wear combat fatigues and boots on a daily basis in the Air Force," Ambrose remarks. "I was also the pledge master one year, a role similar to being a drill sergeant."



## Sgt. Kevin Wood '03

—U.S. ARMY

**Sgt. Kevin Wood** began to think about a military career while he was a busy English major at LVC. He played intramural sports, worked in the Sports Information Office and for WLVC radio, and wrote sports stories for *La Vie Collegienne*. But his true motivation for joining the military came from his family in Scranton.

"With the situation in Iraq continuing, I felt some guilt for never following through on the military," says Wood. "My biggest motivation was my father. He was a Vietnam veteran who volunteered for the Army rather than waiting to be drafted. My father served honorably and

was even awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received in action."

Wood is now assigned to a cavalry squadron located at a desert post in Iraq doing reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition. Summer temperatures climb to over 130 degrees, and January nights dip into the 20s. He spends his days patrolling a vast expanse of the western Al-Anbar Province, piecing together the information that keeps American and Iraqi troops, as well as Iraqi civilians, alive.

"I had finally decided that if I wanted to get to where I wanted to be in life, I had to put my time in the hard way," Wood says. "Tough as it has been, I have no regrets."

**Lori Myers is a freelance writer from Harrisburg who is a regular contributor to Central PA magazine.**





*Maj. Michelle Brailsford Ambrose '92 serves as a psychologist for the U.S. Air Force. She is stationed with the 70th Intelligence Wing at Fort George Meade, Md.*

# A Strategic Plan *for* the Valley

By Mary Beth Hower

In the fall of 1991, Lebanon Valley College was in a fragile state. Only 837 full-time students were enrolled. Fast forward 16 years, and it's a different story. The College welcomed 1,614 students in the fall of 2005, a whopping 93 percent increase in enrollment.

How did LVC achieve one of this country's most dramatic turnarounds in the history of higher education? President Stephen MacDonald believes the key to LVC's success was in steadfastly adhering to a strategic plan developed in 1991 by LVC's senior officers, faculty, and Board of Trustees.

Now, as Lebanon Valley continues to grow and garner recognition, strategic planning remains vital. The current strategic plan, adopted in May 2005, supports the College's mission statement and cherishes Lebanon Valley's identity as a liberal arts college.

"We're enjoying a moment of real success in the life of the College by every measure—enrollment, finances, quantity and quality of students, and growth of programs," MacDonald explains, and he attributes those successes to good planning. "We've become accustomed in the last decade and a half to fulfilling strategic plans, and doing a good job of

implementing and achieving the goals we've set for ourselves."

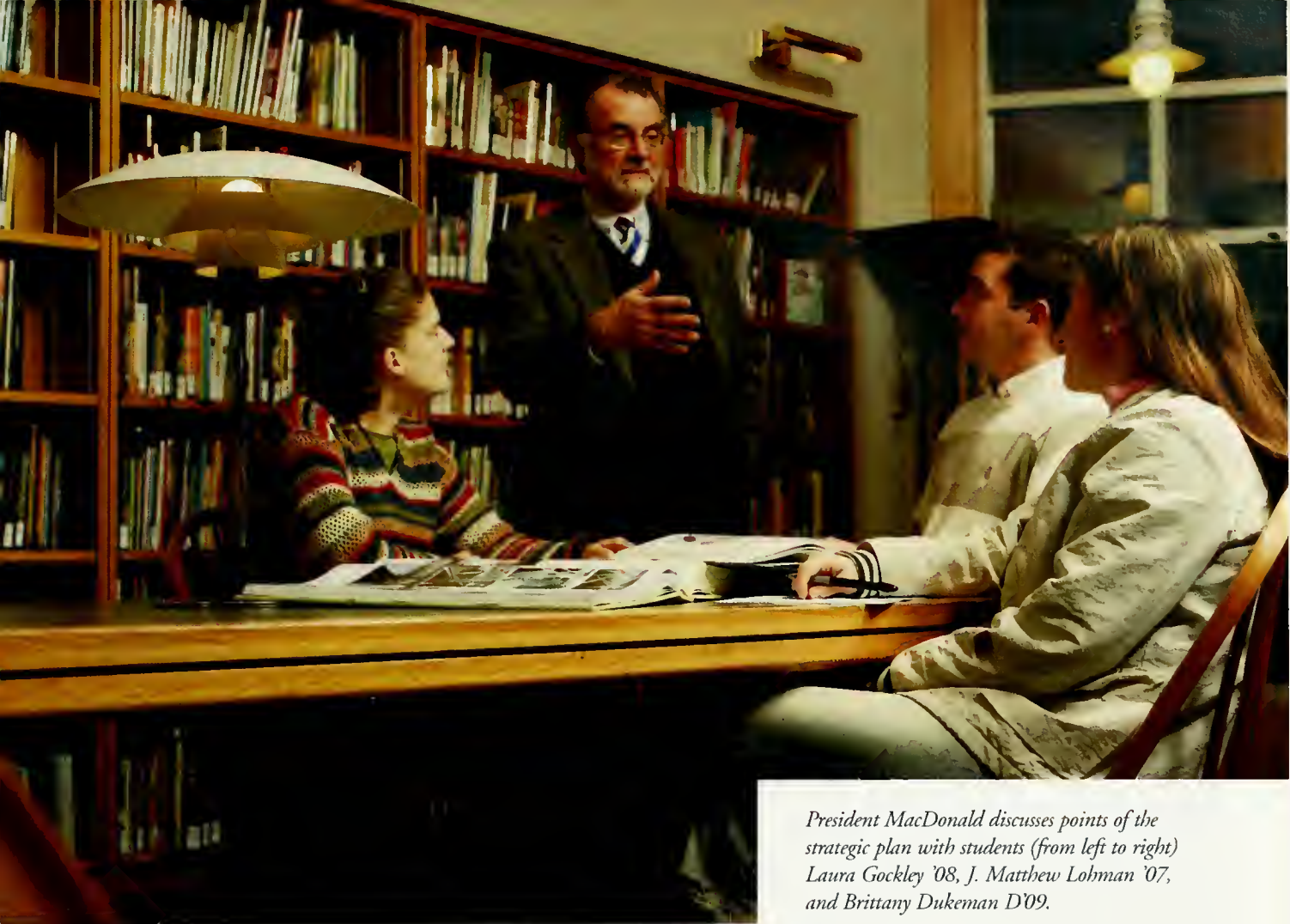
His goals are high. "We seek to become the best liberal arts and pre-professional college in Pennsylvania," he says.

"But what does this mean?" MacDonald continues. "How can you claim to be the best? How do you measure this? There is, in fact, no single, indisputable metric to prove such a claim. Our goal to be the best is an expression not so much of a condition as it is an aspiration and a prod—a reminder to ourselves that we should try to do our work better. We can consult benchmarks, measures of certain kinds of inputs: financial resources; ratios

## Some highlights of the strategic plan:

- Develop and implement an assessment plan keyed to College-wide and departmental/programmatic expectations of the competencies of graduates.
- Sustain and consider expanding off-campus study participation—abroad and in the United States—that enriches and complements the College's educational program.
- Develop the study of aspects of American multiculturalism as one of the foundational elements in the general education program.
- In close collaboration with the academic program, consider how to increase the range and number of internship experiences.
- Enhance the effectiveness and visibility of the Career Services Office and see that it assumes a significant role in the preparation of students after graduation.
- Complete the current Great Expectations Campaign by summer 2007.
- Conduct a thorough analysis of the College's affordability. (Completed last year.)
- Improve the financial position of the College through effective financial management that seeks to exploit opportunities for new sources of revenue, to realize efficiencies in operations, and to effectively balance short-term and long-term financial viability.
- Develop programming plans for the renovation of the Allan W. Mund College Center.
- Complete the Neidig-Garber Science Center renovation.
- Update the campus master plan.
- Provide the technology and support services needed to fulfill the College's educational mission and to accommodate any future plans for growth.





*President MacDonald discusses points of the strategic plan with students (from left to right) Laura Gockley '08, J. Matthew Lohman '07, and Brittany Dukeman D'09.*

## As Lebanon Valley continues to grow and garner recognition, strategic planning remains vital.

of faculty to students; availability of technologies; the presence of student services and counseling services and career services, and so on. These are things that one can quantify and compare with other institutions. It is much more difficult to measure outputs. Exactly what have students learned? How has their college experience refined and shaped their intellectual skills and their operational capacities? These are tough questions. But we'll be wrestling with precisely these questions as we proceed because developing an outcomes assessment plan represents the very first element in the strategic plan."

With its well reasoned and carefully worded points, "the plan is specifically formed in the context of the historical evolution of this school," he explains. "It reflects what the previous administration built here; it seeks to establish and maintain continuity; it speaks specifically to LVC's historical development."

The nature of the plan is organic as well. There's always room for growth and change. "Some things we do and take care of and move on," says MacDonald. He also explains that some areas of the College, while important, may not be covered in the plan. Take athletics, for instance. "There's little about athletics

in the plan," he says, "not because it's not important, but because it's in good shape, well organized, and accomplishing its purpose, so there's no need to look at it right now at the strategic level."

To read the strategic plan in its entirety, log on to the College's web site at [www.lvc.edu/alumni](http://www.lvc.edu/alumni).

**Mary Beth Hower is a freelance writer from Lebanon who also serves as advisor to *The Quittaphilla* yearbook staff.**

# ALUMNI PARTNERS IN INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING

## Two LVC Grads Mentor the Next Generation of Teachers

by Kenya McCullum

The professional paths of **Janet Gessner Roberts '68** and **Toni Salam Butz '90** seemed destined to cross. Not only are they teachers and instructional coaches at the North Penn School District in Montgomery County, Pa., but they both are also LVC alumnae.

Roberts, who graduated from LVC in 1968 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, has been teaching in the district for 21 years. Butz graduated from LVC in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in literature and began teaching at North Penn the same year. While both are involved in an innovative professional development program at the district and work closely together, neither of them realized that the other attended LVC until a chance conversation.

"Toni and I realized that we were both LVC grads quite by accident," says Roberts. "One day as we walked out to the parking lot together, Toni said, 'Oh, there's an LVC license plate. I wonder whose that could be?' I looked at her and said, 'That's my car. I graduated from LVC.' 'So did I!' she replied."

### LVC's Long-lasting Influence

Although coincidental, it isn't surprising that both Roberts and Butz are LVC graduates who are excelling in their careers. Both teachers recall their years at the College fondly and credit LVC with the preparation that they needed to succeed.

"LVC's education program not only prepared me for my role as a teacher, but also provided me with the background and depth of knowledge a liberal arts education can provide," says Roberts.

Butz also recalls the benefits of LVC's strong liberal arts curriculum, but it is the dedication of the faculty that especially made a lasting impression on her.

"What really made Lebanon Valley College work for me was the unshakable sense of community," said Butz. "LVC's small size truly fostered the rich and close relationships students were able to have with faculty members.

"I vividly remember going to **Dr. John Kearney's** [professor of English] home in Annville for dinner. There, we discussed not only the merits of British and English literature, but our personal lives as well. I also



*Toni Salam Butz '90 and Janet Gessner Roberts '68 serve as instructional coaches in an innovative professional development program for teachers.*

remember **Dr. Mark Townsend** [chair and professor of mathematical sciences] sitting most nights at the student snack bar just so he could help students. I remember having to get his help on more than one occasion."

It is this sense of community and dedication that have had a strong impact on Roberts' and Butz's careers—and it has influenced their participation in North Penn School District's Partners in Learning program.

### Partners in Mentoring

The Partners in Learning program at the North Penn School District is a professional development program for teachers that provides a non-evaluative and confidential environment for growth.

"We meet with all new teachers at least three times in their first year, giving a wide range of support options, including providing resources, classroom visits for observations or data collection, lesson planning, classroom management tips, teaching demonstration lessons or co-teaching lessons planned together, and reviewing student work to inform instruction," said Roberts.

North Penn is not the only school district that recognizes the benefits of mentoring teachers. "Across the country, school districts from Boston to Los Angeles are integrating a variety of models of coaching programs," says Roberts. Ours takes a global look at instruction with the ultimate goal of improving student

achievement in reading, writing, and math."

There's a good reason why these types of programs are becoming more and more commonplace in school districts—teachers and students alike have reaped the benefits that professional development programs like Partners in Learning provide.

"As teacher instructional practices grow and are implemented, student learning and achievement are positively impacted," said Roberts, who coaches elementary teachers. "Teachers feel more supported and less alone in their instruction."

This program provides the kind of support that Roberts and Butz received while attending Lebanon Valley College. Butz, who coaches secondary writing, says that given the quality of education that LVC provides, it's not surprising that two teachers who are instructional coaches in the Partners in Learning program are also LVC alumnae.

Furthering their connection, LVC is also where both educators met their future husbands—both named Steve and both involved in education. Butz married **Stephen Butz '90**, now an assistant principal at Bucks County Vocational Technical School in Fairless Hills and a doctoral candidate. Roberts married **Stephen Roberts '65**, an LVC trustee and entrepreneur.

**Kenya McCullum is a freelance writer based in San Francisco.**



Lois Brong  
Miller '61

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—Miller



## The gift of appreciation

**T**he memories that Lois Brong Miller '61 carries of her student days at Lebanon Valley College revolve around music—playing three instruments; appeasing demanding professors; performing with the marching band, orchestra, and choir; and being allowed to broaden her horizons beyond musical boundaries.

As a music education major attending the College on a scholarship, she was able to lead the whirlwind musician's life, but still have the opportunity to write for the College newspaper and yearbook. After graduating and teaching music in schools, she served for over a decade on the board of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, including a period as president, and became deeply involved with the much-heralded reconstruction of the Allentown Symphony Hall.

Over the years, she never forgot what that scholarship meant to her, and because of this, she established a music education scholarship

fund at the College. Katie Meo '08, a member of the student-run theatre organization, The Wig and Buckle Society, as well as the Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, is one of the students benefiting from the scholarship.

"Lois Miller has been a tremendous help with my financial situation, and I just can't tell you how grateful my parents and I are to her," says Meo in between studying for an exam and auditioning for the musical *Cabaret*. "I absolutely love Lebanon Valley College, and I appreciate the fact that if it were not for Mrs. Miller and her gift to me, I might not be here right now."

Miller, whose parents were educators, recognizes that a scholarship can mean the difference between a student pursuing his or her passion, like music, or having to take on extra work to pay for college. "Music is a necessary part of life," she says. "I want to make it possible for young people to do what I was able to do in college."

*Editor's Note:* This article is a reprint from the Lebanon Valley College *President's Report* 2004–2005 published in March 2006. We had incorrectly spelled Mrs. Miller's name in that publication.

In addition, Mary Olanich '05 is a biology and psychobiology major and not a chemistry major as stated on p. 5 of the *President's Report*.

We are sorry for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

# class news & notes

**NOTE:** All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

## '40s

**Albert H. Morrison '43** joined the Keystone Concert Band to play George Gershwin's classic *Rhapsody in Blue* at the Jewish Community Center in Harrisburg on Aug. 28, 2005. Albert began playing piano at age 7 and has been a professional musician since age 14.

**Verna Kreider Schenker '43** and her husband, Henry, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 11, 2005.

**Miriam Carper Frey '44** has retired as the organist at First Church of the Brethren in Harrisburg.

**Elizabeth Light Hamilton '44** and her husband, Millard, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25, 2005.

**Amos W. Long '49** and his wife, Lottie, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19, 2005.

## '50s

**Kenneth R. Keiser '53** is enjoying his retirement in Las Vegas, Nev., where he plays trumpet and is the booking agent for the 20-piece Mellowtones Big Band. They have performed at the Four Seasons, Bally's, Suncoast, Liberace's Mansion, and elsewhere.

**Cyrus R. Dietrich '56** is the Georgia State and Southeast region racquetball champion in his age bracket. He and his partner recently won second place in their age bracket at the International Masters Racquetball Association Tournament.

**Bernard A. Buzgon, Esq., '59** and his partners at Buzgon Davis Law Offices in Lebanon have been recognized in *Philadelphia Magazine's* "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2005: The Ultimate Guide to the Best Attorneys in Pennsylvania."

## '60s

**Carolee G. Weidner '60** retired from her music teaching position in the Middleburg School District in Florida.

**Carol M. Fleisher '66** retired as a government program and budget analyst from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Pittsburgh.

**Claudia Nagle Hostetter '66** retired from the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 and continues to keep busy by babysitting her grandchildren.

## '70s

**Ruth Ann Peterson Brandt '70** is a senior merchandise allocator at Urban Brands Inc., in Secaucus, N.J.

For the second time, **JoAnn Otto Brewer '72** has been selected for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

**Lynne A. Beriont-Virginia '74** is a middle school language arts teacher for the Linden Board of Education in New Jersey. Lynne has been named the 2005 Union County Teacher of the Year and will compete for New Jersey State Teacher of the Year.

**John G. Fenimore '75** is a supervisor of English at Colts Neck High School in New Jersey.

## Coach Myers Nets Success

by Jeff Intoccia '02



**Cliff Myers** may be the most successful head coach on campus, but few people know about him. The director of the Dutchmen men's tennis team and the man who began the women's tennis program at the College in 1994, Myers has a full-time job in the garden sculpture business during the day and coaches at LVC during the late afternoon.

What Myers has accomplished in his time on the hard courts at LVC in the past 12 years is spectacular.

Myers has won five men's Commonwealth Conference championships and four titles over the last six seasons. He also has clinched a men's Commonwealth playoff berth in seven of the past nine years and guided the women's team to its first Commonwealth playoff berth in 2004. Since 1996, Myers is 51–12 in men's Commonwealth regular season play, winning nearly 81 percent of his matches.

"He's a successful man in all aspects of his life—family, work, and sports," says **Dr. M. Joshua Shellenberger '99**, a former LVC tennis team member. "So it is no surprise he's taken the Valley tennis program from good to great."

Myers has been honored for his team's success, having been named Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year in 2000, 2002, and 2003, and Commonwealth Conference Co-Coach of the Year in 2004.

"Cliff has been the architect of our tennis program," says **Kathleen Tierney**, director of athletics at LVC. "Cliff is a great coach who is highly respected by his athletes and colleagues for his technical and tactical knowledge of tennis."

Look for Myers, who entered his 13th year at LVC in 2006, to continue to sculpt a winning tradition this spring with the return of his top two singles players—both juniors.

"There is no doubt that our tennis program is in good hands under Cliff's leadership," says Tierney. "Cliff has secured a young, talented group of student-athletes. I am confident that our program will remain one of the leaders in the conference for many years to come."

**Jeff Intoccia '02** is a former *La Vie Collegienne* sports writer.



# A Singular Honor

by Marie Cusick '07

**Paul Fisher '71** coached the Robinson Secondary School boys' tennis team to their 12th district title during his 13-year coaching tenure. The team also reached the semi-finals in the Virginia High School League State Team Tournament. His top two doubles teams finished 1-2 in the State Doubles Tournament, and his girls' team won their second consecutive district title.

For the third consecutive year, **Dr. Robert E. Harbaugh '74** has been listed in *America's Top Doctors*, a health-care consumer guide that names the nation's leading specialists.

**Julie Mader Hostetter '73** is the academic coordinator at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

**Jeffrey S. Kern '75** is the voice department head and assistant professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

**The Rev. Philip D. Rowland '73** has been ordained as a pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo.

**Irwin H. Siegel '75** received the Master Teacher Award, the highest level of recognition given to a Pennsylvania College of Technology faculty member.

**Donna Benko Koval '76** is a fifth-grade teacher and K-6 science facilitator at Shrewsbury Elementary School.

**John J. Harvey '77** retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in October 2005, and is now employed as a pilot at CJ Systems Aviation Group. He flies an August 109E in support of the University of Pennsylvania Health System (PENNSTAR) and Reading Hospital Trauma Center.

**Selene A. Wilson-Machuga '77** is coordinator of the community life center at Grace Lutheran Ministries in Bradford.

**Richard D. Wong '77** is president and chief executive officer at Gifts In Kind International in Alexandria, Va.

**Gregg E. Jacobs '78** is a senior quality assurance specialist in the contract manufacturing department at The Hershey Company. He has had two genealogies published, *The Descendants of Peter Jacobs* and *The Descendants of Casper Acker*.

**The Rev. Dr. William S. Shillady '78** is the senior pastor at Park Avenue United Methodist Church in New York City.

Last August in Ukraine, **Dr. Barney Raffield**, professor of business administration, became the first American to accept an honorary professorship from Donetsk State University of Management. Over 1,000 parents, students, and faculty from the university gave him a standing ovation in Donetsk's Opera and Ballet Theatre.

"It was the most wonderful moment of my professional life. . . . All the people in the audience stood up, and I was thinking, 'These are former Soviet people, and they're standing up for an American and applauding.' It was just unbelievable." As a child of the Cold War, Raffield had never imagined he would visit Ukraine, much less teach there.

The route to this rare honor began four years earlier, when Raffield went to Ukraine as a Fulbright scholar to teach business. His first classroom at the International Management Institute in Kiev was in a building formerly used by the Soviet government to interrogate professors they thought might be disloyal. "When I first began talking to these young people, all this hit me at once . . . and I had to stop. I was so overwhelmed," he recalls.

He was moved not only by the experience but also by the beauty of Kiev itself. The Ukrainians call Kiev a city within a park. "Many Americans who have traveled to London, Paris, or Rome think they have seen all the beautiful cities of Europe, never realizing that Kiev certainly ranks among them," Raffield points out.

After several weeks in Kiev, Raffield traveled to the southeastern part of the country, where he spent the rest of his five-month stay teaching both undergraduate and graduate students in Donetsk. He found the city to be full of beautiful parks, tree-lined streets, and long boulevards. The people there were very welcoming, and he had the help of a driver and a translator. According to Ukrainian custom, the students honored him by rising every time he entered or exited a classroom. "I was treated like the royalty that I was not," he says.

He still keeps in touch regularly with about 12 of his former students. One of them invited Raffield to stay with his family in Moscow and Crimea, something Raffield appreciated, because he had a hard time spending his Fulbright travel money for its intended purpose. Deeply disturbed by the poverty he witnessed in Ukraine, Raffield spent his travel budget on blankets and coats for the poor he saw on the streets. When he left Ukraine in January 2002, Raffield recalls having a sense of emptiness; he knew he had not done all that he wanted to do.

In January 2005, he returned to help establish a national center for intellectual property management and marketing. "LVC sponsored me to go back . . . and my second time was even more splendid than the Fulbright had been because I got to help in designing not only a new program but also a national program, and I got to see it accredited."

Raffield is an American first and foremost, but his love of Ukraine makes him feel that it's his second home. Now back on the LVC campus, Raffield will be splitting his time between undergraduate teaching and coordinating the M.B.A. Program.

**Marie Cusick, a junior at LVC, is a political science and French major. This semester, she is serving as an intern at Common Cause in Harrisburg.**



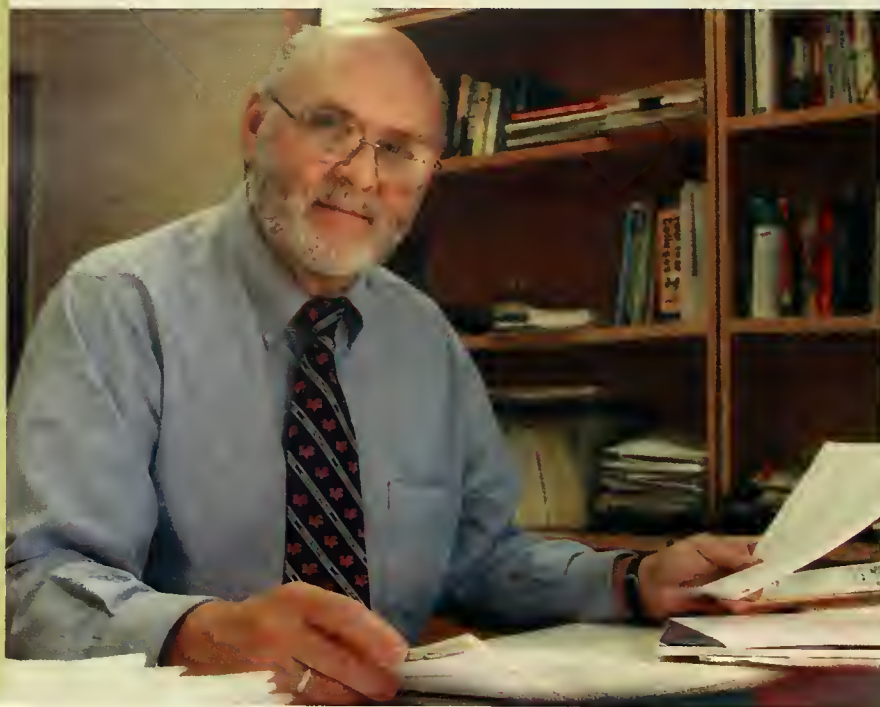
Dr. Barney Raffield

INTRODUCING...

# DR. DAVID RUDD

## Chair of the Department of Business and Economics

by Lauren McCartney Cusick



**"I'm a marketing guy,"**

is the understated way **Dr. David V.**

**Rudd** describes himself. But ask LVC's new chair of the Department of Business and Economics just what products and companies he's promoted, and you will get an A-list of some of the best known names in America. For General Mills, he managed Total Cereal, Gold Medal Flour, Kix Cereal (he was responsible for the research behind its long-lasting "Kid Tested, Mother Approved" slogan), Cheerios (he helped to introduce the first flavored variety), Nature Valley Granola Bars, and even Hamburger Helper.

"I was very proud to have had a hand in inventing Hamburger Helper," he says. "But I was also involved in the creation of Tuna Helper, for which I apologize."

Later marketing jobs took him to Eddie Bauer, where he not only exceeded sales objectives by nearly 10 percent, but also lowered costs by the same margin; and to The Sharper Image, where he directed a \$22 million advertising budget. And that's not all. He's had a long career in

consulting, which he still does on the side "to keep my marketing skills sharp," he explains. For one project, he is advising the American partners of a Chinese company that is bringing a U.S. fast-food franchise to China.

"I teach marketing from the perspective of a longtime practitioner," says the full professor. "There is nothing I teach that I haven't experienced through my own work or my consulting. There are two full generations between me and these kids, and I've got to make my experiences relevant to them."

In 1990, he decided to go back to his original plan: to teach. He had excelled at math and science in high school and originally planned to pursue a doctorate in chemical engineering after earning a

bachelor's degree in that field in 1966 from the University of Wisconsin. "I had the technical skills, but I didn't have the spirit or the soul of an engineer," he explains. "It's very important that you resonate with your work. My other love is history."

After switching successfully from research engineering to marketing at General Mills, he was undaunted by the move to academics later in his career. He embarked on a doctoral program in marketing at The George Washington University School of Business and Public Management in Washington, D.C.

He began to teach marketing while at George Washington. Two years later, he won the Outstanding Teaching Award by Undergraduates. Meanwhile, through his doctoral research, he connected to what he calls his "passion"—applying the principles of direct marketing to social services. He studied the clients of a substance abuse program as if they were customers, trying to understand how their own strengths and resiliencies allowed them to gain from the program. "Capitalism with a conscience works," he points out.

Rudd later taught at Michigan Technical University for four years, then joined the McColl School of Business at Queens University, Charlotte, N.C., for another six years. Last winter, an online business newsletter alerted him to what he calls "a spectacular career opportunity" to become chair of the Business and Economics Department here.

What he found was a department that does some things "extremely well," he says, listing communications as one of the key strengths of the department's 290 undergraduate majors and 80 part-time M.B.A.

*"I teach marketing from the perspective of a longtime practitioner."*



# class news & notes

students. "I've never worked with as good a group of writers," he says of the students here. "We have a huge leg up in producing students who can write, who can speak, and who can think critically."

Rudd cites those analytical skills as the reason why two LVC business teams ranked in the Top 20 Global Performers on GLO-BUS last fall, an online business simulation. One finished seventh out of 944 teams from 75 colleges and universities.

Rudd praises the faculty here for "knowing and understanding each one of our students. They work hard at coaxing the students into knowing what they are doing and why they are doing it. There is no place for students to hide here; there's no place for students to get lost."

"The goal now is for us to define what we want the program to become and to put in place the course work, the structure, and the quality. Our main goal is to teach people how to learn, and not just from textbooks, but from situations, since a goodly portion of what students learn here will be obsolete in a few years," he points out.

To facilitate that kind of learning, Rudd would like to see internships become a formal part of the business program. Through the department's Business Advisory Council, established before he arrived, he has a strong link to the local business community. "One of the topics we are considering is how to give students in central Pennsylvania a meaningful and exciting exposure to international business," he says. "This is a rich environment for us to take students beyond the classroom."

Also on the agenda is getting accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. He points out that the department's business courses are fully accredited now by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, along with all of the College's other programs.

Rudd wants to see the department flourish. After all, it attracts one of the largest groups of majors on campus. "I'm a marketing guy," he says. "I like to be a market leader."

**Lauren McCartney Cusick is director of media relations at Lebanon Valley College.**

## '80s

**Bonita Bomgardner Golla '81** is an applications developer at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in Harrisburg.

**Elizabeth Murray Ayers '82** is a registered nurse at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, Norfolk, Va.

**Dr. Hugh C. DeLong '82** is program manager, as a civilian GS-15, for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Arlington, Va. Earlier he served for 27 years in the chemistry department at the U.S. Naval Academy.

**Thomas G. Myers '83**, vice president at Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Holmdel, N.J., has been elected president of the Casualty Actuarial Society, the highest honor in the industry.



*Thomas G. Myers '83*

**Brian C. Trust '83** is vice president of asset liability management at Scottish Re Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

**Gregory A. Weaver '83** is director of human resources at Cornwall Manor, Cornwall.

**The Rev. David M. Frye '84** is vice president of mission advancement at Mosaic, Lincoln, Neb., and president-elect of the Lincoln chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

**Dr. Deborah Detwiler Nelson '84** is director of children's ministries and director of New Friends Nursery at Indian Valley Mennonite Church in Harleysville.

**Stephen M. Nelson '84** is vice president of internal operations at Haines and Kibblehouse Inc., Skippack.

**Jeffrey W. Wieboldt '84** is a math teacher at Livingston High School in New Jersey.

**Michael G. Cobb '85** is a school counselor at Vance High School in Charlotte, N.C.

**Anthony A. Sheffy '85** is a partner at Sheffy Mazzaccaro, LLP, in Southington, Conn.

**Rebecca Wise Neafcy '86** is an assistant store manager at Macy's at the Lehigh Valley Mall, Whitehall.

**Eve Lindemuth Bodeux '87**, and her husband, Reynald, welcomed a son, Axel William, into their family on Aug. 6, 2005.

**Sandra Mohler-Kerschner '87** is vice president of Ira G. Mohler & Son Inc., Shillington. She is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the National Association of Insurance Women. She has been included in the *Heritage Registry of Who's Who*, recorded in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Dominic G. Macrina '87** is a nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Jami Jennings Verderosa '87** is an administrator at Oconee County School District in Watkinsville, Ga.

**LeRoy G. Whitehead Jr. '87** is a principal in the West Chester Area School District.

**Randall L. Sattazahn '88** is assistant director of the Bureau of Information Systems at the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in Harrisburg.

## '90s

**The Rev. Lisa Kerlin Klinger '90** is the pastor of Mt. Holly Springs United Methodist Church.

**Stephen W. Trapnell '90** is a corporate communications specialist at Susquehanna Bancshares Inc., Lititz.

**Brian A. Hand '91** is vice president of operations at Blockbuster Inc. in Dallas, Texas.

**Dr. April Horning Hershey '91** is a principal in the Cocalico School District in Reamstown.

**Heather Huff-Zehren '91** and her husband, Frances, welcomed a daughter, Shannon Janice, on April 7, 2005.



**Ralph Bieber '92** had his second novel, *The Epicure*, published by Berkley in December under his pen name, H.R. Howland. A fiction writer, Bieber has twice been nominated for the prestigious Bram Stoker Award. He resides in Palmyra and is affiliated with the Horror Writer's Association, Mid-Atlantic Horror Professionals, and the Central Pennsylvania Writers Association.

**Kristin Davis Hoffer '92** is an elementary reading specialist in the Northern Lebanon School District.



# The Red Avenger:

Where did he **come from**  
and where has he **gone?**

by Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97

**H**e's the stranger with a mask who lurks around corners and hides in dark shadows. He runs faster than the wind and blends into the night like a chameleon. His menacing tomfoolery causes trouble for all his victims, and he has little or no regard for the tribulation he causes.

Is he a comic book villain? No. Many LVC alumni recognize this practical joker as the infamous Red Avenger.

Dressed in a red suit complete with a mask, cape, and LVC gym shorts, the Red Avenger made his first appearance on the LVC campus in the late 1960s. He would appear around Homecoming each year. Many have theorized about the origins of the masked marvel, but have reached no definite conclusion. A recent inquiry through the College's e-newsletter provided several conflicting accounts of the Red Avenger and his startling beginning.

"In the fall of 1966, we were joking about the ghost of West Hall and having a generally good time," said one anonymous contributor. "One of the residents retreated to his room

and appeared a bit later in red pajamas and blue gym trunks with a blue, hooded jacket worn like a cape, and jumped into the center of the living room. 'Good Grief,' said one of the brothers, 'What are you, the Red Avenger?' And so the legend was born.

Other accounts link the source of the Red Avenger to archrival Albright College. "He would come and spray paint the campus red right before the Albright football game," she reports. "This was the game that if we won, we would get an extra day off over Thanksgiving."

Although there are various accounts as to the genesis of the Red Avenger, Valley alumni do agree that he was a menacing prankster. His antics included blaring red air horns in the middle of the quad and smashing pumpkins during Halloween. Most notoriously, the Red Avenger has been credited with spray painting red "RAs" throughout the campus, specifically targeting the PHILO rock. Yet another report states that the Red Avenger of the mid-1970s liberated the dining hall cutlery and returned it by hiding it in the trunk of Dean Carl Ehrhart's car.

Despite these colorful and somewhat destructive capers, some alumni support the tradition of the Red Avenger. A graduate from the late 1980s states that, although his high jinks caused grief, they also "made for good, traditional college fun." She also feels that "he demonstrated zeal for the alma mater."

Perhaps the real mystery surrounding the Red Avenger is not who he was or what his intentions were, but whether or not he will materialize again on campus. Do current students know the legend of this masked marvel? Why has the Red Avenger not made an appearance at the Valley since the mid-1990s? Will the Red Avenger ever reappear as a harmless campus trickster, or has he vanished into the night forever?

For more information about the Red Avenger and other College lore, please visit the "L-online" at [www.lvc.edu/alumni](http://www.lvc.edu/alumni).

**Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97 is the College's director of campaign communications and an adjunct instructor of English.**



# class news & notes

**Joanna Wierman Masters '92** is a teacher at Trinity School in Ellicott City, Md. Joanna married David Masters on July 9, 2005, in Hanover.

**Charles W. Bloss IV '93** is vice president and chief actuary at Capital District Physician Health Plan, Albany, N.Y.

**Malissa Noll Weikel '93** is a loan specialist for Countrywide Home Loans in Wyomissing.

**David Aulenbach '94** is supervisor of music for the Randolph Township Board of Education in New Jersey, where he also directs the high school wind ensemble.

**Randy J. Durbin '94** is a math teacher and wrestling coach at Porter Ridge Middle School, Union County.

**David B. Fromholt '94** is laboratory manager at the University of Florida's McKnight Brain Institute in Gainesville.

**Michael F. Hain '94** is a supervisor at the Kellogg Co. in Lancaster.

**Lynn M. Sosnoskie '94** received a doctor of philosophy degree in horticulture and crop science from Ohio State University.

**Matthew D. Dickinson '95** is a choral and general music teacher for Lower Dauphin Middle School. He received the 2005 George M. Leader Excellence in Education Award for the capital region.

**Michael P. Putnam '95** and his wife, Sharyn, welcomed a son, Wyatt Michael, into their family on April 4, 2005.

**Thomas J. Sposito M'95** is president and chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania State Bank. He has been named to the board of directors for Sterling Investment Services, Harrisburg.

**Daniel K. Tucci '95** is a fifth-grade teacher for Montgomery County Maryland public schools. In May 2005, he received a master's degree in administration and supervision from Bowie State University.

**Melissa Anderson Wilcox '95** and her husband, Mike, welcomed a son, Wesley Brian, into their family on Aug. 1, 2005.

**Julia Alandar Albright '96** and her husband, **Christopher E. Albright '99**, welcomed a son, Jackson Eric, into their family on Aug. 5, 2005.

**Alison Gayle Brandt '96** is an executive assistant/office manager at Mason & Associates Inc., Escondido, Calif.

**Tatjana Cuic '96** and her husband, **Keven M. Gerchufsky '96**, welcomed a son, Nikola Gerchufsky, into their family on

March 30, 2005. They are both working for Bayer Corporation and living in Düsseldorf, Germany.

**Linda S. Graybill '96** is an accountant at Zerbe Sisters Nursing Center in Narvon.

**Lori Sheetz Jones '96** and her husband, John, welcomed a son, Jack Monroe, into their family on April 18, 2005. Lori is a patient advocate at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford, Del.

**Lynne Morrell Klunk '96** and her husband, **Donald J. Klunk '96**, welcomed a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, into their family in September 2005.

**Elizabeth Schlundt Tinsley '96** and her husband, Mark, welcomed a son, Luke Andrew, into their family on Feb. 16, 2005.

**Susan D. Stull '96** is a Petty Officer 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy and has been deployed to Iraq and Kuwait. Susan's unit will work directly for the Army in a critical combat service support mission.

**James S. Zerbe '96** is a customer service representative for American Education Services in Harrisburg.

**Jason J. Zitter '96** is a production manager with Ditech Home Loans in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Jennifer Calabrese Danko '97** and her husband, **Michael B. Danko '96**, welcomed a son, Nathan Michael, into their family on Aug. 4, 2005.

**Natalie Hope McDonald '97** is senior editor at *Philadelphia Magazine* and is also a regular contributor to the *Philadelphia Citypaper*, Knight-Ridder, and Time, Inc.

**Bethany D. Mummert '97** married Michael Hopman on July 23, 2005.

**Jennifer M. Rohrer '97** is a psychology intern at Florida State Hospital.

**Scott A. Root '97** is the campus minister, music department chair, and seventh- and eighth-grade religion teacher at Lebanon Catholic School.

**Wayne Sallurday '97** is a sales executive at Cimbrin in Lancaster.

**Brent Edward Shoemaker '97** is operations manager at Graham Packaging Company in York.

**Christina J. Watts '97** is a special education teacher for the Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland.

**Jennifer A. Wentzel, Esq., '97** has joined the law office of Gerber, Ferry and Tanner in Palmyra.

**Robert D. Ford '98** is audit manager at Commerce Bank in Harrisburg.

**Timothy A. Frantz '98** graduated from the Florida Coastal School of Law on May 14, 2005. He is continuing his studies and is planning on becoming a professional sports agent.

**Christine R. Fritz '98** graduated from the FBI Academy, Quantico, Va., in September 2005.

**Wendy Warner Froio '98** is an occupational therapist for her own business, Milestones Therapy Services Inc., in New Jersey.

**Tara K. O'Neil '98** is the head freshman girls' basketball coach at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg.

## Online Honor Roll of Donors

In 2005, the offices of Advancement and Information Technology Services created LVC's first online version of the *Honor Roll of Donors*. Donors were surveyed about the new format. A few highlights from the survey include:

- 4,564 surveys were mailed, and 634 were returned (14% response rate)
- The percentage of respondents to the survey included 69% alumni, 5% current parents, 4% past parents, and 4% friends.
- Alumni who graduated during the 1950s had the highest response rate (13%).
- More respondents preferred to see the *Honor Roll of Donors* published online (34%) rather than sent through the mail (11%).

The complete survey, an executive summary of the results, and a list of participant comments can be found by visiting [www.lvc.edu/alumni](http://www.lvc.edu/alumni).

# class news & notes

**Audra M. Popejoy '98** is a third-grade teacher for the Annville-Cleona School District.

**Rachael M. Rascoe '98** is a seventh-grade math teacher and union vice president for the Red Lion Area School District.

**Brian Rehm '98** was featured in a *New York Times* article "A Web of Faith, Law and Science in Evolution Suit" for his role in a lawsuit against the Dover Area School District. He was later elected to the school board for the district.

**Matthew C. Schildt '98** is an assistant professor of music at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo.

**Aaron Strenkoski '98** and his wife, Alicia, welcomed a son, Alec, into their family on Feb. 5, 2005.

**Michael G. Uhler '98** is a category development manager at The Hershey Company in Bentonville, Ark.

**Lance M. Westerhoff, Ph.D., '98** is general manager of QuantumBio Inc. in State College.

**Christopher E. Albright '99** is a producer/co-host of a daily syndicated sports talk radio show, *Speaking of Sports*, at SportsJam Radio Network in Camp Hill.

**Shannan L. Bennett '99** is a behavior coach at Southwest Behavioral Health Services in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Cynthia Enslinger Goshorn '99** is a resource and referral specialist in the ElderCare division of Work Place Options Inc., Raleigh, N.C.

**John R. Greathouse '99** is senior vice president and loan manager at Fulton Financial Corporation in Lancaster.

**Deborah Katz '99** married James Brady on Aug. 27, 2005. She is a training manager for the emissions monitoring software division of General Electric in Hatfield.

**Dawn L. McCabe '99** married Christopher John Schober in Lancaster on Oct. 29, 2005.

**Christopher T. Melusky '99** is a room division executive at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg.

**SSgt. Lori M. Moyer '99** is an executive secretary for the Pennsylvania National Guard in Annville. She sang the national anthem at the Pennsylvania 500 NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Pocono Speedway, accompanied by the Air National Guard Band.

**Christopher Johnne Pugh '99** received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June 2005.

**Stephen A. Raab '99** is a senior business insurance adjuster for Gallagher Bassett Services Inc., Mechanicsburg.

**Scott J. Sevinsky '99** is a staff physical therapist at Physical Therapy Specialists in Pittsburgh.

**Cory W. Thorton '99** is an editor at *College Sports Television Online*, Carlsbad, Calif.

**Christina Mellick Wagner '99** is an elementary general music teacher for the Henrico County Public Schools in Virginia.

**Alicia J. Way '99** married Ian H. Showalter on July 16, 2005.

**The Rev. James L. Zerfing '99** is the senior pastor at Lake View Christian Fellowship in East Berlin.

## '00s

**Kristen B. Arnold '00** is a third-grade teacher at Hambright Elementary School in Lancaster.

**Kimberly Zang Brewer '00** is a social service coordinator at Capital Area Head Start in Harrisburg.

**Terry L. Buda '00** is an assistant vice president and marketing manager at Union National Community Bank in Lancaster.

## Volunteer for Lebanon Valley College

**Are you interested in volunteering for Lebanon Valley College?** Please review the committee descriptions, complete the registration form, and return it to the Alumni Office. We will contact you regarding your interest.

**Awards Committee:** selects the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Citations, Young Alumni Award, and Creative Achievement Award; awards are presented during a ceremony at Alumni Weekend; meets two to three times a year

**Chair:** Betty Criswell Hungerford '54

**Alumni Athletic Committee:** selects the inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame; induction is held Oktoberfest Weekend; meets twice a year

**Chair:** Dennis Tulli '69

**Alumni Ambassadors:** assists with admission recruitment efforts; meets once a year for training and College updates

**Chair:** Judy Heyser Taylor '75

**Recent Graduates:** attracts and encourages recent graduate involvement in the life of the College and recruits volunteers for the five- and ten-year reunions; meets twice a year

**Co-chairs:** Ana Farr Rodriguez '97 and Natalie Taylor Kratzer '02

**Scholarship Committee:** awards scholarships to rising seniors; meets once a year during second semester

**Chair:** Kristen R. Angstadt '74, Ph.D.

**Career Connections:** provides networking opportunities and assists students with the career search process; meets twice a year

**Chair:** Ben Bamford '03

**Leadership Development:** works on retention and recruitment for committees; meets twice a year

**Chair:** David G. Thompson '65

### Volunteer Registration Form

Name	Class Year
Home Address	
Home Phone	Office Phone
E-mail address	
Committee (1st choice)	
(2nd choice)	

Please return this form to the Alumni Office, 101 North College Ave., Annville, PA 17003 via mail or electronically by going to [www.lvc.edu](http://www.lvc.edu) and clicking on Alumni & Friends.



# THE REV. DR. PAUL FULLMER

## College Chaplain

by Lauren McCartney Cusick



**T**he Rev. Dr. Paul Fullmer knew he had a hard act to follow as the new chaplain at LVC. The retiring chaplain, the Rev. Dr. D. Darrell Woomer, was known affectionately to students as “Chappie.” So it was no doubt a good sign when Fullmer almost immediately became known to students as “Chaps,” a reference not only to his pastoral role, but also to his penchant for wearing Ralph Lauren shirts.

During an interview in his Miller Chapel office, Fullmer described his role as that of an adjunct professor of biblical literature. “I want to offer students something they won’t find in church, a different perspective. I aim to provide a dynamic place for students to ask questions about the key issues of life and death,” and, in class, to “help people realize the rich metaphorical nature of the New Testament.”

He was raised in a conservative, evangelical household in Menlo Park, Calif., and went to the University of Southern California, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1990 before receiving his master’s degree four years later at Fuller Theological Seminary. It wasn’t until he was earning his doctorate in biblical studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., that Fullmer was able to find answers to some of his own questions.

Now, he has a convert’s zeal for sharing what he has learned. “How much richer my faith is now!” he marvels. He takes a biblical scholar’s delight in showing students how

“the Gospels relate to each other and to the Old Testament and to the Greco-Roman world.” The New Testament miracle of the loaves and the fishes, he suggests, might not have literally happened, but in fact might have been inspired by 2 Kings 2:42–44 of the Old Testament. Fullmer raises difficult questions: Do the ethics of the ancient Hebrews have any bearing on modern society? Are the Gospels eyewitness accounts of Jesus’ life, or mythological interpretations of who Jesus was? Fullmer describes himself as a “progressive Christian,” and he reports “for every one student who says, ‘You have very different ideas,’ there are three other students who want to know more.”

As he finished his doctoral degree last year, Fullmer knew he would have to come to the East Coast to realize his dream of working as a liberal arts college chaplain. West Coast colleges and universities just don’t tend to have chaplains, he says. But he didn’t come to unknown territory. Although Fullmer’s family has lived in California for five generations, his mother, **Ruth Mason Fullmer**, is a 1961 LVC graduate. She earned a bachelor of science degree here while her husband served as a dentist at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle.

Years ago, Lebanon Valley College was known among clergy on the West Coast as “the angel factory” Fullmer explains, “because the College produced so many ministers.” The College’s historic ties to the Methodist Church were stronger 45 years

ago, yet Fullmer was still pleasantly surprised that, as an ordained Presbyterian minister, he was hired here. But his denomination is unimportant, he believes, because he is not here to push a particular branch of Protestantism.

In fact, he feels so strongly about providing interfaith experiences that last fall, in conjunction with LVC’s yearlong colloquium on food, Fullmer launched a series of five dinners in the West Dining Room featuring feast days of the world’s major religions. He is pleased with the enthusiastic response to the events, which touched on the food, dance, martial arts, music, art, and religious perspectives of various cultures. “They took it seriously,” he says of the students. “There was a sense of awe and respect for the spirituality of it.”

And even as he continues the tradition of reaching out to the local community with an interfaith community worship service every few weeks, reaching out to the larger interfaith community of Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus is one of his priorities. More and more, the world is becoming a global community, he points out. “The liberal arts education here is very effective in helping people consider the value of other religious traditions.”

At least some of those debates over life, death, and spirituality will take place at Fullmer’s home, a few blocks east of the College on Main Street. It’s somehow fitting that the stately home will once again have a link to LVC’s student life. The three-story brick house was built in 1906 by **Bishop J. S. Mills** and his wife, **Mary Keister Mills**, sister of **Dr. Lawrence Keister**, president of LVC from 1907 to 1912. His business acumen and personal generosity helped to save the College from its “darkest days,” Fullmer found after doing some research, and Keister Residence Hall is named for him. The house was inherited by the Mills’ daughter-in-law, **Edith Mills**, who taught piano at the College and shared the home with LVC students for many years. Now the Main Street house has new life as the home of Fullmer, his wife, **Becky**, and their infant daughter, **Juliana**. ❀

INTRODUCING...

# DR. RON TOLL

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

by Lauren McCartney Cusick

Imagine a wireless cloud enveloping all of Lebanon County, providing low-cost or free access to the Internet.

Could Lebanon Valley College play a role in leading that effort? That's just one idea that Dr. Ronald B. Toll has on his mind. In August, he became LVC's new vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. Given his record at the University of Central Arkansas, where in 2004 he partnered with the corporate world to establish one of the most innovative wireless networks in the country, his dream of a wireless cloud here is not far-fetched.

Toll may have spent his first semester on campus quietly absorbing the Valley's culture in meetings with faculty over lunches and coffee, but just wait. This soft-spoken man has been at the forefront of change wherever he has worked.

He's very serious about his passions, and one of them is higher education. "I'm passionate about providing excellence, about enhanced teaching and learning outcomes. When you're trying to get people on board, having that passion helps." The shipboard metaphor comes naturally to this oceanographer, who also happens to have been on board himself for the discovery of one of the most lucrative sunken treasures ever found.

*"I'm passionate about providing excellence, about enhanced teaching and learning outcomes."*

Toll, who grew up in Springfield, N.J., is a first-generation college graduate from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. In 1982, after earning a doctorate in biological oceanography at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine Science, Toll submerged himself for 10 years in the beautiful but rarefied atmosphere

of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., earning tenure and moving from assistant to associate professor.

While professors at Sewanee still dressed in traditional academic robes over the regulation jacket and tie for men and skirt or dress for women, Toll preferred T-shirts, and for good reason. "When I took off my robe and bent over my aquarium to check on my octopuses, my ties fell in. I had a series of ties with high-tide marks from the salt." He started wearing blue jeans, too, and other junior faculty members soon followed suit.

In the late 1980s, Toll, a specialist in invertebrate zoology, joined a team of scientists to study deep ocean life in and around the wreck of the U.S. Mail Steamship *S.S. Central America*, America's worst peacetime sea disaster. The ship had gone down in an 1857 hurricane off the coast of the Carolinas, losing 425 people and a cargo of 21 tons of California gold. Toll, who worked with the group for 10 years, was associate director of the adjunct science program, whose members got an unparalleled glimpse of the sea world 8,000 feet down with state-of-the-art technology. They discovered a dozen sea creatures that had been previously unknown.

On the flyleaf of a pictorial history of the project called *America's Lost Treasure* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 1998), the project's founder, Tommy Thompson, wrote, "Ron, Your contribution to opening up the deep ocean frontier has been enormous." But the reason Toll did not make a career of such glamorous—albeit dangerous—work is hinted at in another note on the flyleaf: "To Ron Toll, Whose achievement in advancing deep ocean discovery has been equally valuable both on and off the witness stand."

The recovery group found so much treasure that it attracted droves of insurance companies looking for a cut, and Toll was a frequent courtroom witness for the discovery team, a process he found stressful. Eventually, the case was settled in favor



of Thompson and his team of engineers and scientists, who set new standards of excellence in recovering and preserving the gold and artifacts. The courts praised them for a "monumental" effort as well as for "initiative, ingenuity, and determination." Toll has been part of the award-winning documentaries on the topic that air on the Discovery and History channels, and he has given hundreds of talks about the shipwreck.

In 1993, Toll accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Biology at Wesleyan College in Georgia. Here was a new challenge: to provide leadership for the science program, which, unlike LVC, lacked a strong tradition of student-faculty research and had virtually no modern equipment. Within five years, the school had won a half dozen National Science Foundation grants, and the all-female college seized the opportunity to market itself as a "great place for women in science." Toll was named the chair of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics after only two years there, and was also the Munroe Professor of Life Science, an endowed chair.



## class news & notes

In 1999, Toll moved on to the University of Central Arkansas (UCA). As the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics for six years, he worked with the faculty to “demystify the tenure and promotion process.” In addition to his duties as a dean, Toll was a special assistant to the president for technology and corporate relations. He launched “think tank” partnerships with businesses such as IBM, Stratum Broadband, Acxiom, and Daktronics that were the first of their kind.

“We got together to discuss each other’s goals and strengths . . . they saw new ways to interact with higher education and, in the end, that brought cost savings and revenue-generating opportunities to the university.” In addition to creating a completely wireless campus, the most visible sign of this partnership was Technology Plaza, the first fully digitally supported outdoor classroom on any college campus in the United States, a 21st-century facility that could also function as a co-curricular bulletin board. To defray the cost, UCA partnered with Daktronics to sell advertising on the screen, targeted to the academic audience of some 10,000 students and 1,200 faculty and staff.

Although he welcomes the benefits of technology, Toll believes good teaching is “what a skilled, dedicated faculty member brings to the classroom and brings to the students.” What is at the heart of the educational experience, he says, is “wrestling with ambiguities, wrestling with complexities that challenge the established dogma or something that we previously learned.”

At Lebanon Valley College, Toll is also pleased to find “an amazingly collegial environment. People are incredibly dedicated to this institution and for the right reasons. The faculty are committed teachers and scholars, and I’m very impressed with their desire to continue to improve. There’s not a sense in my mind that they’re saying, ‘OK, let’s rest on our laurels.’ To me, that’s very exciting,” he adds. And, given his own record, it seems likely that something very exciting is in store for LVC as well. ❁

**Jennifer L. Gottlieb ’00** married Samuel L. Dixon on July 30, 2005. She is an information systems specialist in the office of the recorder of deeds for Lancaster County.

**Kristina M. Haines ’00** is a scientist at Johnson & Johnson in Titusville, N.J.

**Carrie E. Fetterman ’00** and **Gregory J. Kutchma ’02** were married on May 29, 2005.

**Lisa Crnkovich Minney ’00** and her husband, Matt, welcomed a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, into their family on July 29, 2005.

**Selena L. Rodgers ’00** married Mathew Mallios on July 3, 2005.

**Erin J. Stewart ’00, ’02** is a middle school music teacher at Hempfield School District in Landisville.

**Kristinia Marie Windish ’00** is a laboratory services specialist at Lancaster General Hospital.

**Beth A. Light ’01** and **John A. Brennan ’01** were married in LVC’s Miller Chapel on July 23, 2005.

**Debra M. Feldman ’01** is an English teacher for the Washington Township Board of Education in Sewell, N.J.

**Melinda S. Gordon ’01** is an accountant/financial analyst at Carlisle SynTec.

**Jayanne Hogate Hayward ’01** is the assistant director of alumni programs at Lebanon Valley College.

**Amanda L. Holmes ’01** is a therapeutic mentor for Providence Service Corporation in Portland, Maine.

**Lisa Godlewski Lancellotti ’01** is a cardiovascular specialty representative at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Elizabeth, N.J.

**Anna M. Malocu ’01** is a special education teacher at Loudoun City Public School in Virginia.

**Gretchen A. Mall ’01** is a kindergarten teacher at St. John Vianney Parish School in Kailua, Hawaii.

**Kimberly Umbenhaur ’01** is a staff accountant/auditor for the Blue Mountain School District in Orwigsburg.

**Brandie May Warren ’01** and her husband, Ash, welcomed a daughter, Arabelle May, into their family on May 26, 2005.

**Amy L. Wasserleben ’01** married John Butler on Sept. 10, 2005. Amy is a training specialist in the Pennsylvania Office of the Inspector General in Harrisburg.

**Jessica A. Mitchell ’01** is a chemist/quality assurance coordinator at ESIS Environmental Health Laboratory in Cromwell, Conn.

**Gerard M. Reilly ’01** is a volunteer in the Peace Corps serving in Niger, West Africa.

**Michael A. Rose ’01** is a legislative assistant to Pa. Rep. Kerry Benninghoff in the 171st district.

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## Disappearing Boundaries

Pandemic:

The Race to Understand Viruses

September 29 and 30, 2006

Watch for more information later this summer and visit [www.lvc.edu/science](http://www.lvc.edu/science) for details on speakers and events.



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# class news & notes

**Leah S. Sernoffsky '01** is an office manager at Fox Machinery Associates Inc. in Bridgeport.

**Maggie L. Simonton '01** received a master's degree in educational development and strategies from Wilkes University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Newport Elementary School.

**Amy Rovers Stack '01** is director of human resources at Manor Health Care in Lebanon.

**Stacey A. Stinson '01** and **Parrish J. Fessler '01** were married on Sept. 3, 2005. Stacey is project leader for Datatel Scholars Foundation in Fairfax, Va.

In September 2005, **Kelly Cooney Watts '01** passed the CPA exam and is an accountant at Harsco Corporation in Camp Hill.

**Timothy John Belloff '02** is a social studies teacher at Penn Wood West Junior High School in Darby.

**Derek S. Euston '02** is the owner, producer, and engineer at the Green Room Studio in Harrisburg.

**Adam L. Feltes '02** is a senior business analyst at Guardian Life Insurance in Bethlehem.

**Kerri L. Gasser '02** and **Thomas Schaaf '99** were married on Sept. 3, 2005, in Harrisburg. Kerri is a case-worker at Lebanon Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

**John R. Gross '02** joined Eichelbergers Inc. in York Haven. He is responsible for domestic sales, advertising support, and water testing and analysis related to domestic and public water supply systems.

**Nathan E. Himes '02** is a forensic scientist in the forensic biology section at the Virginia Department of Forensic Science in Fairfax, Va.

**Danielle M. McMaster '02** is a staff chemist at Merck & Co. Inc. in West Point.

**Crystal M. Miller '02** and **Bryan J. Dettrey '02** were married on July 23, 2005. Crystal is a third-grade teacher at Oxford University School in Mississippi, and Bryan is enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Mississippi.

**Andrea M. Howard '02** and **John M. Dormer IV '02** were married on Aug. 6, 2005, in LVC's Miller Chapel. Andrea is a chemistry teacher for the West Shore School District in Lewisberry, and John is a middle school science teacher at Commonwealth Connections Academy in Mechanicsburg.

**Nicole L. Oder '02** received a master's degree in museum studies from Syracuse University, and is now coordinator of student and educator programs at the San Diego Museum of Art.

**Brandy Klunk Putman '02** is an assistant group supervisor at U-Gro Learning Centers Inc. in Harrisburg.

**Lauren Baptista Smith '02** is a teacher in the Harrisburg School District.

**Michael J. Smith '02** is a teacher in the Northern Lebanon School District.

**Jason B. Widney '02** graduated from the Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, with a master of music degree in voice.

**Jessica M. Wieand '02** is a consultant at Sona MedSpa in Philadelphia.

**Daniel P. Zdarko '02** is a marketing consultant at Cutting Edge Media in Elizabethtown.

**Timothy J. Bozarth '03** and **Marisa L. Sassaman '03** were married June 12, 2004, in Hazelton. Marisa is a museum coordinator at Burlington County Prison Museum in Mount Holly, N.J., and Tim is operations supervisor at All American Fasteners in Cinnaminson, N.J.

**Tyrone C. Broxton '03** is the sports information director at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Tyrone was named Sports Information Director of the Year by Black College Baseball.

**Kristin A. Camilli '03** is a school psychologist at Deptford School District in New Jersey.

**Lori B. Counterman '03** and **William H. Pitcock Jr. '03** were married in LVC's Miller Chapel on July 16, 2005. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

**Tracie Miller Dissinger '03** is a branch load operations manager at Fulton Financial Corporation in Lancaster.

**Jason M. Dugan '03** is an assistant branch manager at M&T Bank in Sunbury.

**Amanda K. Fogle '03** is a physical therapist at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, Md.

**Colby B. Hilker '03** is a high school music teacher at Westhill Institute in Mexico City, Mexico.

**Erin Hudley '03** married Steve Yokum on July 23, 2005, in Bedford. Erin is an area coordinator for student housing at Allegheny College of Maryland.

**Karen Jagielski '03** and **Michael Worthington '03** were married on June 18, 2005.

**Mary Rebecca Kishbaugh '03** is an account coordinator at Pavone in Harrisburg.

**Sarah A. Onufer '03** is a logistics management specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense in Chambersburg.

**Jonathan S. Pitt '03** has earned a master of science degree in engineering mechanics at Penn State University.

**Jessica Purcell Rogers '03** is a special education teacher for the Blue Mountain School District in Orwigsburg.

**Anne L. Small '03** is a marketing coordinator at GTS Technologies in Harrisburg.

**Amanda L. Stevenson '03** is a patient care assistant at Lancaster General Hospital.

**Sarah R. Thrush '03** is an assistant professor of music at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh.

**Kristine Daiber Warner '03** has been appointed to the Palmyra Borough Council. Warner is a government relations associate with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.



## Mark Your Calendars for LVC's "Chat With An Expert"

Second Tuesday of Every Month  
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*Upcoming topics may include*  
*Travel • Outdoor Entertaining • Book Discussion*  
*State and Federal Job Opportunities*  
*Back-to-School Transitions*

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schedules, and helpful information!  
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**Kevin T. Wood '03** is currently serving in Northern Iraq with the U.S. Army's 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Sara Yanchis '03** and **Christian Boysen Koch '04** were married in North Carolina on April 9, 2005.

**David L. Yinger '03** is an elementary band director at West Shore School District in New Cumberland.

**Holly L. Zimmerman '03** is a learning support teacher in the Shikellamy School District in Sunbury.

**Mary Anne Brennan '04** and **Ronald L. Stump '04** were married on June 4, 2005, in Shamokin.

**Adam T. Brunner '04** is a sales associate at Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company in Lancaster.

**Jennifer E. Buckley '04** is a special education teacher at Smallwood Middle School in Indianhead, Md.

**Stephen G. Buzinski '04** has joined the New York Nationals, the basketball team that plays against the Harlem Globetrotters.

**Jamie L. Cronin '04** and **William T. Bainbridge '03** were married May 28, 2005, at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Norristown.

**Todd Fischer '04** is a collection manager at Town & Country Leasing in Lancaster.

**Rebecca J. Grudzina '04** is serving in Bulgaria as a Peace Corps volunteer.

**Stacy A. Jacoby '04** is an environmental program specialist at the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality in Oklahoma City.

**Mollie G. Kedney '04** is serving in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps in Iraq.

**Jennifer E. Keller '04** is a first-grade teacher at Pine Street Elementary school in Palmyra.

**Lauren Sutherly McIntyre '04** is an associate auditor at Fulton Financial Corporation in Lancaster.

**Karen E. Penberth '04** is teaching ninth-grade literature, 10th-grade communications, and 11th- and 12th-grade mythology at Middletown High School.

**Andrew James Platt '04** and **Kristi Nicole Riley '03** were married on Aug. 20, 2005, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in York.

**Tara L. Seefeldt '04** is a sales manager at Borders Books and Music in Reading.



*Lindsay A. Maus '04 married Douglas R. Psulkowski on Sept. 17, 2005, at Spring Mill Manor in Iryland. LVC graduates who attended her wedding included: (left to right) back row: Aaron Kier '03, Rachele Barnickel '03, Jessica Krout Kier '03, Robyn Sotak '03, Jennifer Brown '03, Jacklyn Ebert '03, Lisa Meranti '04, Constance O'Brien '04 (maid of honor), Julia Falkner '04, Jenelle Zeigler '03, Dennis Ross '03. Front row: Eric Kratz '04, Lindsay Maus Psulkowski '04, Jeffrey Grieger '04. Lindsay is a credit analyst at Harleysville National Bank.*

**Annalouise Venturella '04** is a compliance officer at Democracy for America in South Burlington, Vt.

**Amy L. Wagner '04** is a laboratory animal technician at the Science Application International Corporation for the National Cancer Institute at Fort Detrick, Md.

**Christopher R. Whiteley '04** is a substitute teacher for the Central Dauphin School District in Harrisburg.

**Jon-David "J.D." Byers '05** is a graduate assistant for Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham men's basketball team.

**Rachael E. Darr '05** is a business development associate for Reynolds Construction Management in Harrisburg.

**Jaime L. Greenfield '05** is a finance LDP associate at Lockheed Martin Corporation in King of Prussia.

**Jennifer A. Griekspoor '05** is a third-grade teacher at Rockingham County Schools in North Carolina.

**Matthew D. Hauk '05** is a web developer at Gate 1 Travel in Glenside.

**Diane M. Huskinson '05** is an editorial assistant at Idea Group Inc., Hershey.

**Ryan Kitko '05** is in his first year as a graduate student at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., where he is studying for his master's degree in environmental studies. He credits the science faculty, particularly **Dr. Allan Wolfe's** Ecology I class, for being able to meet the challenges of graduate school.

**Ashley D. Kreider '05** has been elected as the national marketing director for Gamma Sigma Sigma.

**Lynn Marie Leidig '05** is a project assistant at Pharmaceutical Product Development in Blue Bell.

**Scott E. Montgomery '05** is a fifth-grade teacher at Northwest Elementary School in Lebanon.

**Jason Lamar Pulaski '05** married Danielle Mary Blodnikar on Aug. 6, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Palmyra. Jason is a systems analyst at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

**Chad M. Schreier '05** is interim director of the College store at Lebanon Valley College.

**Kristin L. Showalter '05** is director of bands at Northwestern Lehigh High School in New Tripoli.

## Friends of the College

**The Rev. Paul M. Fullmer**, College chaplain, and his wife, Becky, welcomed a daughter, Juliana Louise, into their family on Oct. 12, 2005.

**Dr. Klement M. Hambourg**, professor emeritus of music, and **Leonie Lang-Hambourg**, former assistant adjunct professor of German, became the proud grandparents of their first grandson, Gavin John Visscher, born on March 20, 2005, in Calgary, Alberta. Also, Klement established the Celebration of Chamber Music concert series in Victoria, B.C., which is now in its fourth season.





## Art in Paris

Over the Thanksgiving break, Dr. Barbara Anderman, chair and assistant professor of art history, took 16 students from her class, Art, Culture and Urban Development, to Paris. For four days, the students explored the Louvre, Versailles, and numerous other galleries and museums. This is the second trip she has led recently in conjunction with the course. Students completed an extra assignment on Paris after returning and earned an additional academic credit for the trip, which was voluntary.

*Pictured, top row, left to right: Jessica Pfautz '06, Misty Barr '06, Michael Mekailek '07, Marie Cusick '07, Megan Kilcoyne '07; middle row: Ryan Graffius '06, Amy Meininger '06, Jennifer Line '07, Denise Correll '07, Katie Markey '07, Nikki Wynn '07, Monique Anglade '07; front row: James Buckson '06*

## WRITE ON!

**Dr. Barbara Anderman's** "Félibien and the Circle of Colbert" is a chapter in *Ordering the World in the Eighteenth Century*, to be published this fall by Palgrave/Macmillan. She is chair and assistant professor of art history.



**Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo**, chair and associate professor of religion and philosophy, wrote a book published in February, titled *Judge and Be Judged: Moral Reflection in an Age*

*of Relativism and Fundamentalism*. The 220-page volume, published by Lexington Books, offers insights into both these concepts.

**Dr. Gary Grieve-Carlson's** book review, "Meet the Parents: Is the Radical Left the Child of the Radical Right?" a review of Richard Wolin's *The Seduction of Unreason: The Intellectual Romance with Fascism from Nietzsche to Postmodernism*, which was published in the December 2004 *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, was published in January 2006 in an expanded, revised version in *The International Journal for Baudrillard Studies*. Grieve-Carlson is the director of general education and a professor of English.

**Dr. Louis Manza**, chair and associate professor of psychology, recently completed the "Instructor's Manual & Test Bank" for the third edition of W.S. Terry's *Learning and Memory: Basic Principles, Processes, and Procedures*, published by Allyn & Bacon.

**Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, associate professor of Spanish, had two articles published: "Lenguaje visual en la cuentística femenina de finales de Siglo Veinte" in *Selected Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Foreign Language Conference (2004)*, and "Metamorfosis del 'yo poético' en la obra de Ester de Izaguirre" in *La Mujer en el Mundo Hispano VI* (Westminster: Instituto Literario y Cultural Hispánica, 2005). She also wrote a foreword, "De soledades y otras cosas: estratagema de rebeldía y aquiescencia," published in *De soledades y otras cosas* (Asunción, Paraguay: Arandura Editorial, 2005).

**Dr. Scott N. Walck**, associate professor of physics, and three students had a paper accepted for publication in the journal *Physical Review A*, "Topology of the three-qubit space of entanglement types." The students are: **James Glasbrenner '06**, **Matthew Lochman '06**, and former student **Shawn Hilbert '04**, now a graduate student in physics at the University of Nebraska. All three students worked with Walck over summer breaks from 2003 to 2005. The paper is online at [www.arxiv.org](http://www.arxiv.org) under the number quant-ph/0507208 (2005).

## AND PRESENTING . . .



**Dr. Dolores Buttry**, assistant professor of French and German, delivered a paper in the section on modern German literature at the *South Atlantic Modern Language Association*

in Atlanta in November. Her paper was titled "Meine Gedanken zereissen die Schranken": Prison Survival Strategies in Stefan Zweig's 'Schachnovelle' and in Albrecht Haushofer's 'Moabitser Sonette.'" The section took place in the Goethe Institute of Atlanta and was attended by members of the German Cultural Center, as well as by conference participants and attendees.



*Tchet Dorman*

At the national conference of the National Association for Multicultural Education in Atlanta in November, **Tchet Dorman**, director of multicultural affairs; **Eugene Kelly '01**, assistant director of

student activities and student development; and three students, **Rachel Hadrack '06**, **Todd Snovel '06**, and **Deborah Tookes '07**,



presented "Responding to Campus Hate through the Creation of a Bias Response Team." The program focused on LVC's work to create a team of individuals specially trained to respond to acts of bias and discrimination.

At the *Women's Consortium Annual Statewide Conference of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education* in October, a proposal, titled "Men Working to Eradicate Sexism: A Roundtable Discussion" by Dorman, Kelly, **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, and **Brian Johnson**, an LVC adjunct faculty member and director of multicultural affairs at Susquehanna University, was accepted for presentation.

Kelly, along with colleagues from Lehigh University, presented in April 2004 at the *81st Annual Convention of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA)*. The program, titled "Campus Climate Closes Doors to Learning: Reducing Heterosexism and Homophobia," featured strategies for making lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students feel welcome on college campuses. Information was gathered from LVC and York College as well as from West Chester, Lehigh, Shippensburg, and James Madison universities. This same presentation was accepted for the *Mid-Atlantic College and University Housing Officers Conference* in Lake Harmony.

The Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counselors (PACAC) invited Kelly to facilitate a session called "Visibility Matters: Dealing with the Invisible Check Box" during its professional development workshops. Attendees learned ways to recruit and retain lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students.

**Dr. Cheryl George**, associate professor of education, and five of her students, presented a paper in November at the *Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children*. Their topic was "Instructional Strategies and Accommodations for Social Studies." The students are all majoring in elementary education and pursuing special education certification. They are: sophomores **Crystal Cascarino**, **Sarah Thompson**, **Stacey Sheffer**, and **Renee Bell**; and senior **Alisha Arnold**.

**Dr. Diane M. Iglesias**, professor of Spanish, presented "Empowering the Learning Disabled" in April at the *Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign*

*Languages* in New York City. She was notified that her presentation was one of the finalists for the "Best of Northeast" award. In June, Iglesias presented a paper on "Spanish Golden Age Theater" at an international literary conference in Valladolid, Spain. Her presentation, "La enfermedad como motivo comico en los entremeses de Quinones de Benavente," explained how sickness is used as a comic motif in Spanish theater of the Golden Age.



**Dr. Jeffrey Robbins** was invited to speak in September at Drew University's *Graduate Colloquium in Theology* on "The Irony of Radical Theology." He also

presented a paper in November, "Beyond the Politics of Theological Despair," at a conference on *Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity?* The conference was sponsored by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. He also presented a paper in November, "Secularization and the Multitude: An Alternative Theology of Empire," at the *American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia*.

**Dale Summers**, professor of education, and sophomore music education students **Kyle Bourdon**, **Josh Duma**, and **Jason Roach**, presented a paper in October at the *Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Education Conference*. They discussed "Concept Mapping as an Instructional Strategy in your Education Classes."

Summers and **Linda Summers**, an assistant professor of education, presented a paper in October, "Concept Mapping as an Instructional Strategy in Your Social Studies Classroom," at *The Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies Conference* in Lancaster.

In April, **Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, associate professor of Spanish, gave a talk, "La perseverante exclusión del amor en la obra poética de Ester de Izaguirre," at the *Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Conference* at Virginia Commonwealth University. In August, Tezanos-Pinto attended the *XXVI Simposio Internacional de Literatura* sponsored by Universidad de Los Lagos, Puerto Montt, Chile, where she chaired and helped to

organize a panel, "Utopías nacionales en la creación literaria Latinoamericana." In this session, she presented a paper, "Nación y narración en la narrativa femenina posmoderna." In addition, she read a paper, "*Plumas de Afrodita* de Roland Forgues: complicidad textual con las fascinantes e insubordinadas poetisas peruanas del siglo veinte," at a panel honoring French critic Roland Forgues, a specialist in Hispanic-American literature. Tezanos-Pinto's presentations in Chile were supported by an LVC professional grant.

## HONORS

Three LVC students ranked among the Top 20 Global Performers on GLO-BUS, an online business simulation involving some 900 teams from 75 colleges. **Dr. Leon Markowicz**, professor of business administration, teaches the international business course that utilizes the GLO-BUS simulator. The students, all business administration majors, are: **Robert Dubble '06** of Myerstown, **Alex Garrett '06** of Lititz, and **Justin Klunk '06** of Hanover. They took part in the simulation to manage a digital camera market that paralleled the real-world market. The students formed B Company, which ranked 20th in the overall category of GLO-BUS' recent poll. B Company scored a 101, only eight points from the first-place team in the Top 20. Close to 600 instructors at various institutions are using the program.

Lebanon Valley College students won four first-place and two second-place awards in October at the *8th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences* at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Eleven LVC students presented or co-presented nine posters during the symposium, which was attended by undergraduates from 47 colleges and universities in 14 states. **Dr. Anderson Marsh** and **Dr. Timothy Peelen**, both members of the Chemistry Department at LVC, were among the 400 attendees who took part in the 171 poster presentations. The meeting was co-sponsored by Proctor & Gamble and the National Institutes of Health. The four first-place winners in their divisions were: **Jeremy Umbenhauer '06** (chemistry) for his work with assistant professor **Dr. Marc Harris**, "Synthesis of bipyridine containing aza-crown-ether macrocycles using the template effect provided by bulky sulfonamide protecting groups"; **Daniel J. Smith '07** (chemistry) for his work with assistant professor Peelen,

"Mechanistic studies in organocatalysis: additions to aldehydes catalyzed by 2-substituted pyrrolidines"; **Derek M. Hinds '06** (biochemistry) for his work with assistant professor **Dr. Walter Patton** (chemistry), "Assessment of domain interactions in *E. coli* GMP synthetase"; and **Thomas R. Gordon '08** (chemistry) for his work with assistant professor Marsh, "Temperature dependence of the aqueous phase oxidation of 2-chlorophenol by goethite."

Three second-place winners in their divisions were: **Jason K. Navin '08** (chemistry) for his work with Marsh, "Determination of the size of polymer-coated metallic nanoparticles by MALDI-MS"; and **Cheryl L. Brophy '07** (chemistry) and **Alison E. Hartman '07** (chemistry) for their work with Peelen, "Development of novel C-C bond forming reactions for the efficient synthesis of Fmoc-protected amines."

Also attending were: **Johanna M. Scarino '06** (chemistry), who presented her work with Harris, "Synthesis of metallomacrocyclic nano-devices through the coordination of platinum (II), rhodium (I), or copper (I) metal centers to ethoxy-bridged bipyridine oligomers"; **Eric Nkurunziza '08** (chemistry), who presented his work with Peelen, "A colorimetric assay for monitoring the kinetics of proline-catalyzed additions of azodicarboxylates to aldehydes"; **Aubrey J. Weigand '07** (chemistry) and **Angela E. Petiak '06** (biochemistry), who presented their work with chemistry professor **Dr. Owen A. Moe**, "Interdomain communication in GMP synthetase."



**Sharon Arnold**, chair and associate professor of sociology, and her senior seminar capstone class traveled to Philadelphia to do an ethnographic field study on the topic of inequality in

Kensington, the poorest area in the city. The area has one of the highest violent crime rates in the nation. They were joined by the executive director of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, who guided the group through the neighborhood.

As preparation for this experience, the senior seminar students read *Myth of the Welfare Queen* by David Zucchino, a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist. During the day, students met and interacted with characters profiled in the book. For this experience, Lebanon Valley students joined with students from the Philadelphia Center, one of LVC's off-campus study sites. Four students from LVC completed internships with the Philadelphia Center during the fall semester; they are: **Stephanie Brown '05**, economics; **Sara Fuhrman '07**, education; **Brian Hinchcliffe '06**, psychology; and **Rebekah Shearn '06**, economics.

**Dr. Dolores Buttry**, assistant professor of French and German, was chosen to participate during July and August in a National Endowment for the Humanities Institute on *German and European Studies in the U.S.: Changing World, Shifting Narratives*.

In April 2005, **Tchet Dorman**, director of multicultural affairs, was named vice president/president-elect of the Pennsylvania

Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education. Dorman has served as the conference committee chair of PA-NAME since fall 2003.



**Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman**, associate professor of music, was selected to perform and teach at the *Pipe Organ Encounter* sponsored by the National American

Guild of Organists in Baltimore last summer. She was also the featured recitalist at University of Arizona-Tucson and at the Kansas City RLDS Temple last spring.



**Dr. Edward Sullivan**, associate professor of business administration and economics, is the faculty coordinator of the newly formed Student Advisory Board for the

Department of Business and Economics. The group met for the first time in September. Among its objectives are to provide feedback and advice to the department on curriculum, course development, and operations; to assist in the recruitment and retention of majors; and to support student groups associated with the department. Members of the board include **Melissa Carvajal '08**, **Bailey Claey's '07**, **Aubrie Ensinger '06**, **Christa Kolp '06**, **Karen Nee '06**, **Megan Pierce '08**, **Alex Reber '06**, **Jennifer Wert '08**, and **Michael Yannick '06**.

**Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, associate professor of Spanish, has been included in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who of American Women*.



Members of the sociology senior seminar capstone class, **Amanda Lubold '06** (left) and **Lyndsy Holton '06**, conduct an ethnographic field study in Kensington, one of the poorest areas in Philadelphia.





Judge John Alden Walter '53, H'06

## Judge John Alden Walter '53

The Honorable John Alden Walter '53, H'06 whom the *Lebanon Daily News* hailed as "one of the best-loved and most respected jurists in the history of Lebanon County" died Dec. 18, 2005, after a long illness. He was 74. His wife of 48 years, Patricia Lutz Walter '57, was by his side at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. Walter was also one of Lebanon Valley College's warmest friends and benefactors.

When he was a student at the Valley in the early 1950s, he was named "Mr. LVC," and it was a title he never relinquished. For 57 years, Walter served LVC with unparalleled enthusiasm, most notably as a 21-year member of the Board of Trustees, where he served on the advancement and facilities committees; as a 28-year member and past president of the Alumni Council; as a major benefactor; and as an avid Dutchmen sports fan.

In a message to the College community, President Stephen MacDonald wrote, "John was a great friend and tireless advocate of this College, which he served selflessly. The faculty had just voted to award John the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters, which we were all looking forward to conferring on him on Founders Day in February. We will miss John very much." Pat Walter accepted the honor posthumously for her husband on Founders Day.

The retired President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County received many honors from the College. In 2004, LVC created The Judge John and Pat Walter Society to recognize

the couple's exemplary generosity. Society members are alumni and friends who have given to the College for at least five consecutive years. In 1990, Walter received LVC's Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding service to his college, community, and profession. In 1996, he received what he called one of his "greatest honors," the "Hot Dog" Frank Athletic Service Award, named after his friend, Frank Aftosmes.

Walter's passion for athletics led him to serve as the student manager of the great 1952-53 basketball team that made it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association round of 16, and 30 years later to pick up the microphone for a 15-year career as the colorful play-by-play public address announcer for Dutchmen home basketball games. "There's a lot of ham in me," Walter told a reporter in 1992 who wrote about his avocation for the *Lebanon Daily News*. Walter's booming baritone intoned in January 1996, "Dan is dandy from tripstown," as freshman Dan Strobeck sunk a three-pointer early in the game. It was Walter's first time back as "the voice of LVC basketball" after suffering the stroke in 1995 that had led to his retirement from the judicial bench a few weeks before, but his love of words—just one of his many enthusiasms—and his positive energy were back in full force.

When asked how he was, he typically replied, "Like a bearcat!"—hence his nickname, "The Bearcat." The scoreboard in the new LVC gymnasium was donated by the Walters, and is just one small part of their contributions to LVC. The Walters are Lifetime Vickroy Society Associates in recognition of their leadership generosity.

A native of Lebanon, Walter was born in 1931 to a family with deep ties to LVC. His parents, the late Daniel E. and Edith V. Stager Walter, were both LVC graduates. His father was a member of the Class of 1918, and his mother graduated three years later after being crowned as the campus May Queen. Thirty-six years later, his mother was on hand to crown her son's future wife, Patricia Lutz of Lititz, as the 1957 LVC May Queen. The couple—he was Mr. LVC and she was Miss Quittie—married later that year. Walter had first spotted Pat, a music education major, at a basketball game in Lynch Memorial Hall during her freshman year. Two years later on the same spot, Walter asked her to be his wife. When Lynch was remodeled recently, the Walters were given a piece of that same basketball court floor to

commemorate their devotion to one another and to the College.

The couple moved last year to Cornwall Manor after being longtime residents of Mt. Gretna and, earlier, Lebanon. Two of their four children graduated from LVC, Heather in 1985, now the wife of David Buffington; Heidi in 1991, now the wife of Kenneth Lockridge. Walter also leaves a son, John Daniel "J.D."; another daughter, Hope, wife of Robert Bassett; seven grandchildren; and his sister, Nellie Walter Eaton '48. Not only was his sister a graduate of LVC, Walter also had a number of relatives who attended the Valley, including two uncles, two aunts, and two cousins.

In 1949, Walter graduated from Lebanon High School and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at LVC four years later. In addition to his roles as "Mr. LVC" and basketball manager, he was a class officer. "He was involved and interested in everything in college," said his friend Betty Criswell Hungerford '54, who also worked with him for years after graduation as a leading volunteer at the College. "That same spirit and love for LVC was as strong then as it was later. LVC was his heart and his home . . . next to his Maker, his beloved Pat, and his children, he loved LVC best."

Walter's leadership roles continued throughout a lifetime of community service, but he switched his career sights from science to law after college. After serving for three years in the U.S. Navy, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a law degree in 1960. Back in Lebanon, he was a successful partner in the law firm of Egli, Walter, Reilly and Wolfson for nearly 15 years and was active in Democratic politics.

Although he was unsuccessful in his minority-party bids in the early 1960s to become director of Lebanon City Schools or a Lebanon City councilman or a U.S. Congressman, he responded to the losses with characteristic optimism. "Each occasion provided me with tremendous experience, which money otherwise cannot buy," he wrote.

In 1975, both parties supported his appointment to an unexpired term in the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County, and he later won re-election to retain the position. From 1990 until his retirement in 1995, he served as president judge of the court.

A memorial service was held Dec. 22 in Miller Chapel at Lebanon Valley College.



*Dr. D. Clark Carmean H'85 and his wife, Edna*

## Dr. Clark Carmean H'85

**Dr. D. Clark Carmean H'85**, who with his late wife, Edna, enthusiastically dedicated himself to generations of Lebanon Valley College students and was deeply loved in return, died peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 14, 2005, at United Christian Church Home in North Annville. The dean of admission *emeritus* and former music professor was 101. He was highly regarded on campus for his generosity, wisdom, and kindness.

Carmean was born May 22, 1904, in Marysville, Ohio. His long association with the College began in 1933, when he became an instructor of music education and string instruments. He went on to serve as dean of men from 1935 to 1940 and as director of admission from 1949 to 1973. Carmean, an Ohio Wesleyan graduate, received his master's degree in music education in 1932 from Columbia Teachers College in New York City.

Long after he retired from the College in the early 1970s, Carmean was still sought after for his advice. Gregory G. Stanson '63, LVC's vice president for enrollment and student affairs and a member of the class of 1963, called Carmean his mentor. "He was a very wise person. Clark personified all the values I grew up with at home. He was a great role model for generations of students."

"The College was really his life," said Robert E. Harnish, retired manager of the LVC bookstore. Harnish remembers that, even after they retired, Carmean and his wife, Edna, who died in 2001, would volunteer in the College's admission office, handwriting notes to encourage students to come to LVC. Even in his extreme old age, Harnish said, caregivers at United Christian

Church Home encouraged their staff and visitors to speak about the College to Carmean because it made his eyes light up.

The Carmeans were well known for opening their home to students, both as house parents in the 1930s in a men's dormitory and later at their South Annville home, where they spent 50 years and avidly cultivated extensive gardens. Their home was a haven for many students, where they offered a warm fire and a cup of hot chocolate in the winter, and long conversations on the porch in the warmer months. Many nights the students gathered around the Carmean's grand piano to sing, and social gatherings often turned into impromptu concerts.

In an article in the Summer 1992 issue of *The Valley* magazine, Edna recalled, "Clark was teaching in the Music Department and sometimes he would bring a whole class out. We usually had the same menu—ham and string beans and potatoes, cooked in the fireplace in a big iron kettle." Most of the time, everybody would end up in the den, a converted summerhouse with a huge fireplace that took six-foot logs. Clark remembered in the same article, "We had a big copper coffee pot made. A huge coffee pot, held 55 cups. We put that on a crane in the fireplace. It would swing out, and the kids would pour themselves a cup, and then swing it back over the fire again. They loved it because they could help themselves."

To provide for the College community to which they were devoted, the couple, who had no children of their own, became members of the College's Laureate Society, which includes those who have given in excess of \$1 million to the College. The Carmeans also donated Cueue-Pehelle, the larger-than-life bronze statue of an Algonquin Indian woman in front of Garber Science Center. New York sculptor Audrey Flack created the statue with outstretched arms to represent the welcoming spirit of the Lebanon Valley. The plaza that surrounds the sculpture was named in the couple's honor.

As honorary co-chairs of Lebanon Valley College's TOWARD 2001 campaign, the Carmeans assisted in a major fund-raising venture, which exceeded its goal and raised over \$23.9 million. In 1977, the couple's love of music led them to endow the Carmean Distinguished Chair in Music, and in 1982, to establish the Carmean String Ensemble Scholarship.

Carmean served 12 years on the Annville school board in the 1950s and 1960s, and oversaw the building of Annville-Cleona High School. He also taught Sunday school at Annville United Methodist Church and, along with his wife, volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. Carmean received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the College in 1985. His wife was a long-time staff assistant in various departments, including music, admission, public relations, and the president's office. She also served as a writer/editor for the *Alumni Review*, as executive secretary for the College's centennial celebration, and was the College historian.

Although Carmean specified before his death that he did not want a memorial service, he was remembered during the fall symphony orchestra concert.



*Dr. Robert S. Davidson*

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**Dr. Robert S. Davidson**, a retired chair of the Psychology Department at Lebanon Valley College, died Nov. 29, 2005, in Cornwall Manor. He was 86. Highly respected for his rigorous intellectual standards, Davidson was very supportive of students and an "internationalist" who was deeply interested in the wider world.

"He never restricted himself in any sense," recalls Dr. Arthur Ford '59, an LVC professor *emeritus* of English, "whether it was new ideas or travel." Ford remembers Davidson as someone who "raised the students to a higher level."

Davidon taught at LVC from 1970 to 1984, and was given *emeritus* status on his retirement. He was a longtime Mt. Gretna



resident before moving to Cornwall Manor with his wife of 63 years, Miriam Boonin Davidon.

Kristen R. Angstadt '74, Ph.D., who is now a trustee at LVC and supervisor of pupil services for Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15, also deeply appreciated the kind attentions of Davidon and the good preparation she received in her discipline.

"When I went on to graduate school at the University of Maryland, I was so well prepared. The other students would ask, 'Where did you learn how to do that?'"

Kathy Kaylor '80, of Annville, was already in her 40s when she was studying for her psychology degree. "I could not have asked for a better advisor. Thanks to him, my research paper was published, and I felt lucky to have been his student."

Dr. Jean O. Love, a professor *emerita* of psychology, remembers that Davidon, in addition to his work teaching and administering the Psychology Department, was a social leader on campus, along with his wife. "They were very cosmopolitan," Love said. "He and Miriam traveled a great deal and other faculty members traveled with them." She recalls that the Davidons went to Egypt and also to China. They were also active in the French Club, and enjoyed getting to know people from other countries, she said. Davidon and his wife spent a year in Aix-en-Provence, France, in the early 1970s, and he studied French all his life.

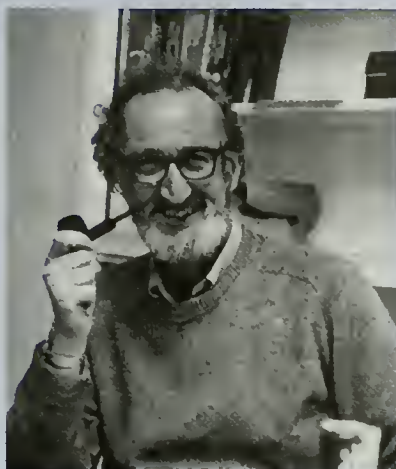
During Davidon's last illness, he received a letter from a former student at Bryn Mawr College, where he taught for 17 years before coming to LVC in 1970. "I'm sure that professors rarely know whether or not their teaching made a difference. I just wanted you to know that it did. A lot."

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 26, 1919, Davidon was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired as a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army Reserves.

He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and received his master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Davidon was a member of the American Psychological Association, the Mental Health Association of Pennsylvania, and Amnesty International.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Richard B. Davidon and Stephen J. Davidon. He also leaves a brother, William C. Davidon. He was preceded in death by another brother, Horace N. Davidon.



Richard Alan Joyce Sr.

## Richard Alan Joyce Sr.

Richard Alan Joyce Sr., a professor of European history at LVC for 32 years, died peacefully at home on Dec. 30, 2005. He was 75. Joyce, who was passionate about French history, books, and ideas, was the quintessential professor. He looked the part, with his beret, his ever-present pipe, which he would draw on while reflecting, and his quizzically raised eyebrow, directed at either students or colleagues who were making what he considered to be specious arguments.

"He had a very distinctive personal style," remembers his former student, Dr. Kevin B. Pry '76, now an assistant English professor at LVC. "He had a twinkle in his eye, and he looked at you over the top of his glasses. He was funny—very witty—and he was always looking for students who wanted to study seriously. He loved literature, he loved history, and that enthusiasm was fun to be exposed to. He always expected the history majors in the class to be better at the game than anyone else." Pry credits Joyce, along with a handful of other professors, with inspiring him to go on to graduate school and with influencing his own personal style as a professor.

"To me, Dick was a pure scholar," Dr. John D. Norton said at Joyce's memorial service. Norton, an LVC political science professor who once shared an office with Joyce, continued: "He cared far more for the stuff of history than for the hurdles of academia. As a pure scholar, it was his subject that was intrinsically engrossing. History was not a vehicle to a career; it was an intricate puzzle we wrestle with to understand how it speaks to us. More than anything, Dick was a man of passions and of reason and of the struggle between them."

What triggered those passions were words or phrases: Richard Nixon, laissez-faire capitalism, conservative Republicans, or power and greed, Norton said.

Joyce was granted the *emeritus* status when he retired in 1998. A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joan Hogan Joyce; his son, Richard A. Joyce Jr., Esq.; two daughters, Alberta M. Joyce Bell, wife of Michael L. Bell, and Cecily D. Joyce; his grandchildren, Alarice R.D. Joyce, Pierson A.S. Bell, Ariella E.M. Bell, and Nicholas M.A. Bell; a brother, Walter E. Joyce; and a sister, Mary R. Joyce.

Joyce graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco and from Yale University with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned a master's degree in history from San Francisco State and completed doctoral courses at New York University. He was active in the Democratic Party and taught religious education classes at the former St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Lebanon.



Dr. Ted D. Keller '48

## Dr. Theodore "Ted" Keller '48

Ted D. Keller '48, a professor *emeritus* of English who taught at Lebanon Valley College for 15 years, died Oct. 11, 2005. He was 79. Keller served the College in many ways; along with being an assistant professor of English, he was also the dean of men and assisted with the Wig and Buckle Dramatic Society's performances.

After graduating from Lebanon High School in 1944, Keller joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II. A member of the 1st Division Infantry

during the Central Europe and Rhineland campaign, Keller was wounded and shipped home to California, where he finished the remainder of his time in the service.

Following his graduation from LVC, Keller studied at Columbia University, receiving his master's degree in English. In 1949, he returned to LVC as a professor. Keller went on to become acting dean of men in 1953, a position that would later become his until 1957. It was during the 1957-58 school year that Keller became the first professor to take a leave under the College's new sabbatical program. Keller used the year to continue his post-graduate studies at Columbia University.

In 1955, one of his former students wrote:

*As a man who has influenced, directed, and inspired countless students outside as well as inside his classes, and as one who has understood and helped us regardless of his time and energies which he gave abundantly to all, and, as far as I know continues to do so, I would like to nominate Ted Keller as one of LVC's outstanding individuals and one of their truly great men.*

Keller returned to LVC after his sabbatical and continued to teach here until 1965, when he moved to East Stroudsburg State College (now ESU), where he finished his teaching career in 1988. He remained involved with the LVC community and donated generously to the College over the last 10 years. In honor of Keller, his lifelong companion, Arthur E. Arnold II, donated \$40,000 to establish the Ted Keller Theater Fund to help Wig and Buckle with its productions.

**Marion Hess Kolb '26** died Aug. 13, 2005, in San Francisco, Calif. Marion served as head registrar at LVC. After her retirement, she moved to San Francisco, where she was active in various women's clubs and served as an usherette at Giants games at Candlestick Park.

**Marian Heaps Core '30** died Nov. 9, 2005, in York. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teacher's Organization and received a Fulbright grant to study German at the Goethe Institute of Munich, Germany. Marian was a retired teacher for the Penns Grove High School in New Jersey, where she taught German and biology.

**Gerald B. Russell '35** died Nov. 26, 2005, in Annapolis, Md. He was an army officer during World War II and retired as a reserve colonel. He received many awards, including the U.S. Army Legion of Merit, Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, Department of Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, Lebanon Valley College Alumni Award, Order of the British Empire, Philippine Legion of Honor, Republic of China Order of the Cloud and Banner, and Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.

**William H. Zierdt Jr. '37** died Sept. 1, 2005, in Lancaster, at the age of 91. He served in World War II and in North Africa and Italy with the National Guard. William managed the Fifth Army printing plant at Fort Knox, Ky. Following retirement from the military, he became editor of *Army Reserve Magazine* and chief of information for the U.S. Army Reserve at the Pentagon.

**Merle S. "Muzz" Bacastow '39, M.D.,** died Sept. 2, 2005, in Scarborough, Maine, at the age of 87. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was director of medical education at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., and director of medical education at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. He is survived by a brother, **Richard I. Bacastow '47** of Hershey.

**Margaret Boyd Fauber '41** died Oct. 5, 2005, in Manheim, at the age of 85. She served on the Meals on Wheels board for the Manheim area, and won many awards for her knitting in Pennsylvania state competitions. She is survived by her husband, Joseph W. Fauber '41, and a daughter, Stephanie J. Fauber '69.

**Dr. William H. Schindel '45** died May 2, 2005, in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 81. He established his own medical practice in rheumatology in Dallas in 1967.

**Nancy Saurman Withers '47** died Nov. 23, 2005, in Miami, Fla. She was an avid bridge player and a member of several book clubs. Nancy is survived by her husband, **Edward Withers '44**.

**Robert K. Bowman Sr. '50** died Aug. 9, 2005, in Lebanon, at the age of 76. During his 39-year career with the Lebanon School District, he served as a football coach, guidance counselor, and director of pupil, personnel, and staff services. Robert also served as the announcer at the Lebanon Cedars' home football games, as well as writer of the column "Cedar Sidelights," which appeared in the *Lebanon Daily News*.

**Clifford J. Light '50** died Nov. 21, 2005, in Lebanon, at the age of 81. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired controller of the former Lebanon Chemical Company.

**Edward H. Walton '53** died Nov. 14, 2005, in Fairfield, Conn. He served in the U.S. Army Finance Corps during the Korean War. Edward's true passion was for baseball and the Boston Red Sox. He coached little league and was a baseball historian. He was the only person to reverse a standing record in the Baseball Hall of Fame when he discovered that Tris Speaker had actually hit one more home run than was officially credited to him. In addition to being a member of the selection committee for the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame, he authored three books on the Boston Red Sox: *This Date in Boston Red Sox History*, *Red Sox Triumphs and Tragedies*, and *The Rookies*.

**The Rev. Richard "Dick" Leonard '56** died Nov. 11, 2005, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. He was a retired United Methodist minister with 46 years of service to churches in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. He was a member of Rotary International, American Guild of Organists, and The Boy Scouts of America.

**Robert F. Koch Jr. '64** died Aug. 11, 2005, in York, at the age of 62. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, had been employed as a school counselor at the York County Vocational-Technical School, and was a member of the York Chorus for more than 20 years.



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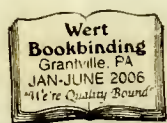












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